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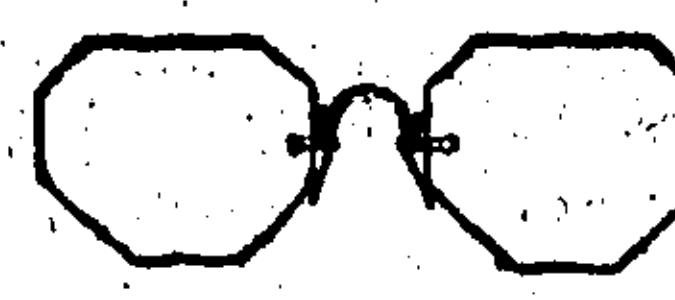
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STUDENT'S LAPSE.

STEALS JEWELLERY FROM A
"PAL."

HOSPITALITY UNREQUITED.

A Chinese youth named Wong Wing-kung (16), described as a student, was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with the theft of a pair of jade cuff links, two diamond rings and a watch chain, valued together at \$457, the property of Chan Siu-yeung, another student living on the first floor of 66, Robinson Road. He pleaded "guilty."

Detective-Sergeant J. Murphy, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that the larceny occurred on the 22nd, and accused was arrested on the 26th by Detective Sergeant Kinnear on board the s.s. Taishan, which was about to sail for Canton.

Invitation Accepted.

Giving the circumstances leading up to the theft, Sergeant Murphy said that accused came from Canton on a visit on the 20th. He was acquainted with the complainant and was invited by the latter to stay a few days at his house. Accused was given the full run of the house as a member of the family and occupied the same room as the complainant.

On the 22nd, when the complainant was out, accused opened his wardrobe and stole the jewellery, with which he absconded. The Police were informed, watch was kept, and finally accused was arrested on the Canton boat.

When confronted by Sergeant Kinnear on board the Taishan the accused was wearing the two diamond rings which he had stolen. A pawn ticket found in his possession related to the cuff links which accused had pledged for \$10. He had sold the gold watch chain to a goldsmith, and this could not be recovered because it had already been melted. The Magistrate inquired the value of the watch chain and the Sergeant said that it was worth \$150, so that the complainant stood to lose to the extent of \$160, as he would have to pay \$10 to the pawnshop to redeem his cuff links.

Willing to Pay \$160.

Asked if he was willing to pay \$160 to the complainant, accused replied that he was.

Accordingly the Magistrate decided to remand him in Police custody for 48 hours in order to give accused time to write to Canton for the money.

Before ordering the accused's removal from the dock, Mr. Grantham inquired why he had done such a thing.

Accused mumbled something which could not be understood.

Sergeant Murphy volunteered the suggestion that accused had fallen into bad company.

The Cane Suggested.

His Worship remarked that he thought that the cane would do the accused some good. However, he would defer sentence until after the remand to see if restitution was made.

Accused: Supposing I pay back the \$160 right away?

Magistrate: Have you got the money?—I can borrow it from my father's friends here.

Mr. Grantham: In that case I will give a remand in Police custody for 24 hours.

TIRED OF LIFE?

Two cases of alleged attempt to commit suicide occupied the attention of the Police yesterday.

In the first instance a man named Leung Kwan (24), of no fixed abode, was found unconscious outside 182 Des Voeux Road West. He was suffering from opium poison, believed to have been self-administered. The Police took him to the Government Civil Hospital where he is now in a serious condition.

The second would-be suicide was a Chinese woman named Lam Han-chang (61), living at 18A, Shaukiwan Road. She was alleged to have attempted suicide by drinking a quantity of kerosene. Her condition is not serious, although she is being detained in the Government Civil Hospital.

GOING BACK.

Alleged Fugitive from
Canada.

ONLY G\$900 INVOLVED.

Remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on the 22nd in order to give him time to think matters over and decide what course to take, Chau Shun-pun was again produced in Court to-day by Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., in connection with proceedings for his extradition to Vancouver, British Columbia, on a charge of the alleged larceny of \$970, Canadian money, the property of the Kwan On Company, of Vancouver.

The alleged fugitive, who was arrested on the Blue Funnel s.s. Proteus, on the vessel's arrival in port on the 21st, expressed his willingness to the Police to waive extradition proceedings and return to Canada to face the charge against him.

But when he appeared in Court at the last hearing, he changed his mind and asked for bail so that he could instruct a solicitor to defend him here.

When the Magistrate pointed out the long delay here pending the arrival of witness and escort from Canada, if he elected to contest extradition here, the accused asked

FAIR OUTLOOK.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

A depression is shown over the Gulf of Tongking. The typhoon is nearly stationary between Luzon and Formosa.

Forecast E. or variable winds; moderate; fair.

Rainfall

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day

0.07 inch. Rainfall since

January 1, 19.16 inches against

an average of 21.86 inches.

Temperature and Humidity

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	78	82
Macao	79	84
Manila	77	94
Pratas Island	74	79
Amoy	72	81
Swatow	—	—
Chefoo	62	94
Shanghai	55	100

for bail in order to go to Canton to visit relatives, after which he would be willing to return to Canada.

The Magistrate was willing to give bail of \$5,000, but the accused argued that it was not a case of murder, and as he was charged with stealing only \$900 he would give that amount as bail.

Therefore Mr. Lindsell remanded him in Police custody until to-day to enable accused to come to a final decision as to what course he wished to take.

When he appeared in Court this morning, the alleged fugitive stated that he was willing to waive extradition proceedings and return to Canada of his own accord.

Accordingly, Mr. Lindsell discharged the fugitive from his Court, and Chau will in the meantime be kept in Police custody until the sailing time of the s.s. Proteus to-morrow, when he will be returned to Canada on that ship.

KOWLOON FIRE.

\$1,000 Damage in Joss
Paper Shop.

A fire which caused a loss of \$1,000 to Mr. Yin Ling, manager of the Sam Sing Chan shop, broke out at 45 Shanghai Street, ground floor, a little after midnight, but, owing to the fact that the three-story building is constructed of reinforced concrete, not much damage was done, the walls being merely scorched.

The shop is used for joss paper, and it is thought that the fire originated under the back stairs at the rear of the building where some joss sticks had been laid out to dry.

Fire engines turned out promptly, and the Brigade had the fire well under control soon after arrival.

BRITISH GOLFER'S GREAT DRIVE.

STOUT BREAKS THE RECORD
WITH 380 YARDS.

A. G. BOWER'S VICTORY.

London, Yesterday. At St. Andrews to-day, in the second round of the Amateur Championship, the former native champion, Stout, set up a new record for long driving with a 380 yard drive at the eighteenth, beating Ted Blackwell, who drove 266 yards in 1892 over the same hole. Stout's drive would have been longer had it not struck the clubhouse fence. Nevertheless, Moberley (Worplesdon) beat Stout one up.

The match between the most youthful British and American "stars" resulted in Rex Hartley beating Don Moe (America) 4 and 2. Von Elm beat Dr. Hill 4 and 2. Quinet beat Joshua Crane (America) 5 and 4. The Cyprian "soccer" player, A. G. Bower, beat Hollis one up. W. Torrance beat Watson one up. Voight beat Stroyen 6 and 4. Helson Smith, Harold Gillies, Douglas Grant, and Robert Harris all passed the third.—Reuter.

[The world's record for driving, according to the Daily Mail Year Book, was established by E. C. Bliss at Herne Bay in August, 1913, with a drive of 445 yards.]

Earlier News.

London, Yesterday.

There was a further American reverse when the twenty-three year old Scot, W. Spark of Montrose, defeated Willing (America) 2 and 1. D. Fiddian, playing in his first British championship contest with a display of excellent golf, beat Bourne, the English champion 2 and 1. Wethered beat Mathieson, the young Oxonian, 5 and 3.—Reuter.

HABITUAL CRIMINAL

Sent to Prison for
One Year.

An habitual criminal, Yeung Ling, of Swatow, who has served three terms of imprisonment in Siam for larceny, opium, possession and fighting, and who was banished from the Straits Settlements for life, appeared before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, on two charges of larceny.

The accused said that he went to the Kowloon Confectionery, 68, Nathan Road, to look for a friend, whom he could not find. He pleaded guilty to the three charges.

Detective-Sergeant Humphreys stated that the accused went to the back of the Kowloon Confectionery, when he was seen to act in a very suspicious manner by one of the foks who was sitting in the yard eating meal. The Police were sent for and the man was arrested.

His Worship asked what was the felonious intent and the Police officer said that the shop had had much clothing stolen lately. On that particular night there were clothes hanging on the line to dry. It was stated that the accused carried out the theft of a hat and a quilt under similar circumstances.

His Worship passed sentence of one year's hard labour.

FRENCH SEVERITY.

More Rioters Sentenced
to Death.

Paris, Yesterday. Ten persons have been sentenced to death by the Criminal Mission at Phutho for participation in the attack on Mungtho and the siege of Lamthao during a native outbreak against the Government early in the year. Four of these previously were sentenced to death at Yen Bay for complicity in the outbreak there. Twenty-six were sentenced to penal servitude for life, ten for shorter terms, and 88 to deportation.—Reuter.

SIR JOHN SIMON.

To Resume Practice at
the Bar.

SACRIFICES FOR INDIA.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir John Simon, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, which signed the unanimous report yesterday, has intimated his intention of returning to his practice at the Bar almost immediately. Sir John Simon is one of the most successful counsel in the history of the British Bar and his practice is said to have produced something like \$50,000 a year. He sacrificed this over two years ago to devote his whole time to the work of the Indian Commission.—British Wireless Service.

PEERS' TRIBUTES.

Archbishop's Praise of
Predecessor.

HIGH QUALITIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. Members of the House of Lords to-day paid tributes to the memory of Archbishop Davidson, when special emphasis was laid on his ability as a conciliator. The Archbishop of Canterbury, his successor in the Primacy, said:—

"I have never known a man in whom there was combined a greater sense of responsibility of his office and a more humble sense of himself."—British Wireless Service.

HEALTHY MINISTER!

Broken Collar Bone
Makes No Difference.

BACK AT HIS DUTIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. Although knocked down by a motor car when leaving the House of Commons last night and sustaining a broken collar bone, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Health, was present at his Parliamentary duties to-day.—British Wireless Service.

\$4,852.80 EMBEZZLED.

Chinese Bookkeeper Sent
to Prison.

A Chinese named Lau Siu-ming, described as a bookkeeper employed by Messrs. A. Goeke and Co., China Building, was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with the embezzlement of \$4,852.80, the property of the firm. He pleaded "guilty."

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, who appeared for the prosecution, told the Magistrate that the embezzlement had extended from July 16, 1929, to yesterday, when they were discovered, and accused was handed over to the Police and charged.

The Magistrate passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

MISSING MAID.

Mr. J. Nomura, of 39, Peking Road, first floor, reported to the Police that his maid servant, Hideko, aged 22, has been missing since Monday, when she left at 11 p.m. to go to the Tokyokan Hotel, Praya East.

The meagre description of her is that she is short and stout, and when last seen she wore a light coloured flower-pattern kimono.

NATURE COLONY TRAGEDY.

Paris, April, 26. M. Georges Grunier, who held an important position in the Dreyfus Bank, has died from asphyxiation, and his wife is seriously ill. They and other advocates of the health cure of complete nudity and the open-air spent a holiday in a naturalist colony on an island in the Seine.

As the weather was cold, M. and Mme. Grunier not only shut out the sun but also their heating apparatus when they went to bed.

MOSQUITO PLAGUE IN KOWLOON.

AN INVASION OF THE
HOSPITAL.

BREEDING OF LARVAE.

Following the receipt of complaints about mosquitoes invading the Kowloon Hospital, from Dr. J. T. Smalley and nurses, the Sanitary Department made a thorough examination of the vicinity, and found that several Chinese contractors were breeding mosquitoes on their sites. Among these were the Lim Yue Company of building contractors, who are at present engaged in the construction of some houses in Waterloo Road just below the hospital grounds.

There was a sequel to this at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Mr. Hugh Lim, of the Lim Yue Company, was summoned by Sanitary Officer Reid for failing to comply with a notice served on April 25 to abate the mosquito breeding nuisance.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

"Early to Bed."

Senior Sanitary Inspector Taylor stated that mosquitoes were breeding in a brick and cement tank of water on defendant's building site, Dr. Smalley and the sisters of the Kowloon Hospital had complained to his department about having to go to bed as early as eight o'clock at night because of the mosquitoes' nightly invasions. He asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case, as the site was in close proximity of the hospital, and was, therefore, dangerous.

Sanitary Inspector Reid said that on February 10 he noticed mosquitoes breeding on the surface of the tank. A week later the larvae were destroyed after he had spoken to Lim Yue. On May 23 he again found larvae in the tank, and a notice was served on defendant to abate the nuisance.

Breeding Continued.

On May 9, Mr. Reid made another visit and found three inches of water in the tank with larvae breeding. A summons was then taken out against defendant.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the tank had since been demolished. Defendant having no questions to ask and no witnesses to call, his Worship said: "Convicted and fined thirty dollars."

MONEY LEFT.

The Late Mr. W.
Keegan's Savings.

TRAGIC DEATH RECALLED.

The late Mr. William Keegan, who was a first class overseer in the Public Works Department, Hong Kong, left estate in the Colony amounting to \$6,800, comprising cash and shares in local companies. His gross personalty in the United Kingdom is valued at £1,545 8s. 1d.

Mr. Keegan was formerly of Ballyroe, Churchtown, Athy, Kildare, Ireland, where he is survived by his mother, an elder brother, and five sisters.

He died at the Government Civil Hospital on May 4, 1929, under tragic circumstances. He was taken ill about two months before his death, and an operation was successfully performed on him in St. Paul's Hospital. He, however, left the hospital before he was properly cured, much against the advice of his doctors. A relapse followed and he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where he jumped from the third floor verandah to the ground, being killed instantaneously.

Mr. Keegan died intestate, and letters of administration of his estate have been granted to his brother, Mr. James Keegan, for whom Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, is acting. Deceased's mother renounced her rights.

RICHEST MAN!

Death of Octogenarian
Lord Ashton.

WEALTHY MANUFACTURER.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The death occurred to-day of Lord Ashton, aged 88. He was a wealthy manufacturer and reputed to be the richest man in Britain. He contributed large sums to charities, mainly in his native Lancashire.—British Wireless Service.

AMY IN QUEENSLAND

Greeted by Greatest
Crowd Ever Seen.

PROCESSION OF CARS.

Sydney, Yesterday. Miss Amy Johnson arrived at Longreach at 5.33 p.m., and was welcomed by the greatest crowd ever seen in West Queensland; people in motor cars arriving all night long to greet her.—Reuter.

Three Great Qualities.

Rugby, Yesterday. Miss Amy Johnson completed another stage of her flight across Australia to-day. Yesterday she flew from Port Darwin across a desolate region in the Northern Territory to Alexandra Station, about 600 miles distant, and to-day she covered another 600 miles to Longreach. To-morrow she will probably arrive at Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. There she hopes to have a long telephone talk with her parents in Britain.

Lord Wakefield, who assisted Miss Johnson on her Britain-to-Australia venture, made reference to her during a speech to-day. He said: "If you ask me how it is that this young girl with less than 100 hours' flying experience was able to accomplish this long

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.

A remarkable report has been drawn up by an influential Economic Committee of the Trade Union Congress unanimously recommending that, at the forthcoming Imperial Conference, it will be in the interests of the Trade Union movement for the Socialist Party to press for the fullest possible development of economic relations between Britain and the Dominions, and to urge the creation of machinery and, if necessary, agreements with the Dominions, for further development of inter-Commonwealth trade and the best possible distribution of economic activities within the British Commonwealth. The report will come before the General Council to-day, but it is not expected that an immediate decision will be taken.—Reuter.

and dangerous journey on a machine that had already flown 35,000 miles, I would attribute it to her having three great qualities—courage, enthusiasm, and efficiency."—British Wireless Service.

Sydney, Yesterday.

Miss Amy Johnson has arrived at Cloncurry, East Queensland, en route to Long Beach.—Reuter.

Newspaper Offers.

When in Bangkok Miss Johnson occupied much time in dealing with a number of cables that awaited her. Several of them were from London newspapers, making her handsome offers for the exclusive story of her flight. One cable offered \$1,000; another (the Daily Mail, it is rumoured) doubled it, and at \$2,000 Miss Johnson cabled and accepted. A third newspaper offer was the covering of all expenses and an honorarium of 500 guineas if on her return flight she would tour England to awaken air-mindedness among its inhabitants, give exhibition flights, meet Lord Mayors, and eat luncheons galore. There were some of the offers of assistance.

Others of a different kind came from Australia. A famous Sydney club cabled inviting her to luncheon on arrival and another cable from a firm in Australia urged the appointment of themselves as agents, and promised to keep her free from the mishap which attends celebrities sometimes of having promised to attend three luncheons at the same hour in different cities. They would see that Miss Johnson only had one lunch per day in spite of what other enthusiastic people might want her to do.

Wan Tsun-tai Harkow, Monday. Wan Tsun-tai, who was made a prisoner by General Liu Mou-yen, was escorted on May 25 from Chuihsien to the Hsuehchou headquarters, and thence to Nanking.

Liu Chen-hwa.

Tientsin, Monday.

Liu Chen-hwa, an ex-Kuomintang General, but now a supporter of Nanking, is reported on his way back to China from a foreign country, to take part in the campaign against the rebels because his adherent, Liu Mou-yen, as already mentioned, has pledged his loyalty to the Central Government.

Nanking's Claims.

Shanghai, Sunday.

After having captured the Lanfeng Railway station, the National troops are now besieging the city, occupying positions in the shape of a semi-circle, with the 11th National Division under Chen Cheng at Taitang; the 3rd National Division under Chen Chi-cheng at Yuntien; and the 1st Training Division under Feng Te-ping at Changying.

Feng Yu-hsiang has transferred five Kuomintang divisions under Sun Liang-ching, Pang Fang-hsin, Chi Huang-chang, Chang Wai-sai and Sun Chih-yuan, from the Ping-Han line to reinforce Lanfeng city. These forces, regarded as Feng's main strength, are massed at Chokiang, 5 li west of Lanfeng, from where they will launch a counter-attack to-day, according to report.

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REBELS FOILED AT YELLOW RIVER.

SHANSI INVADERS REPORTED
TO BE REPULSED.

CAMPAIGN IN SHANTUNG.

Tsinan, Monday. General Ma Hsueh-kuei, guarding the western sector of Shantung, who had, according to previous report, repulsed the Shansi invaders and captured Tungming in south Chihli, arrived at Tsinan on May 25. Interviewed by pressmen, General Ma intimated that General Chen Tiao-yuan is now directing the operations at Kaucheng against the rebels under Shih Yu-san, and that he himself will despatch part of his troops to participate in the campaign in north Shantung, with Tehchow as the first objective.

In order to meet General Ma, General Han Fu-chu returned from Yucheng to Tsinan on the same evening, and in a Press interview stated that three regiments of Shansi troops under Fu Tso-yi made an unsuccessful attempt on Saturday last to cross the Yellow River Bridge, but were driven back to Linyi after a severe encounter.

Bridges Destroyed.

Hsuehchow, Monday.

During their retreat on the Lung-Hai line, the Shansi forces destroyed all railway bridges from Liuho to Lanfeng and cut down all telegraphic wires and damaged all water tanks of the various stations, in order to prevent the Nationalists making a rapid pursuit.

Nanking's Plans.

Shanghai, Monday.

The fleeing Ironside-Kwangsi insurgents are said to have already arrived at Hangchow, 90 miles from the Hunan capital, where they are not, however, in a position to advance further, due to the opposition of the main body of Hunan loyal forces who have been despatched to intercept them. The 61st Division under General Chiang Kwong-wei having been completely transported to Shaokuan, the 60th Division under General Tsoi Ting-kai will follow on to-day, and upon their arrival at their destination, the expedition to pursue the rebels in Hunan will commence.

The Ironsides.

Shanghai, Monday.

For interception and elimination of the Ironside-Kwangsi remnants, the Hankow authorities have transferred three regiments of the 2nd Training Division to Yohchow, in Hunan. An unfavourable report says that the Ironsides entered Paoching on May 24, while, on the other hand, another report claims that the 3rd Training Regiment under Lo Fan-ying reached that city on May 24, to assist the Hunan troops against the rebels.

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Nanking's Claims.

Shanghai, Sunday.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 12th MAY to 30th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th May, 1930.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY - FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1930, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1929, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th May, 1930.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY - FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1930, at 11.20 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1929, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th May, 1930.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building on WEDNESDAY, June 4, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1929.

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GENERAL NOTICES

THE BRITISH LEGION
(Hong Kong & China Branch.)

THE 9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 5.15 p.m. on THURSDAY, 29th May, 1930, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

BUSINESS:
To receive the Report and Accounts for the year 1929.
To elect officers.

H. SPICER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 4th June, 1930, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th May, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Voting Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of June, 1930, immediately after the Half Yearly Meeting of Voting Members, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution:

"That the present unincorporated members Club known as the Hong Kong Jockey Club be incorporated and registered in Hong Kong under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance as a company limited by guarantee and that the name of such company shall be the Hong Kong Jockey Club and that the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club as incorporated and that the same be subscribed by the existing Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and registered as such and that the company be registered without the addition of the word Limited to its name as being an association which intends to apply its profits in promoting its objects and which prohibits the payment of any dividends to its members and that the existing Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club do forthwith after the incorporation and registration of the said company transfer and assign all the property effects benefit and liabilities of the present unincorporated Hong Kong Jockey Club to the company so incorporated and registered."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the 23rd day of June, 1930, at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, the above mentioned resolution.

Copies of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association are open to the inspection of members and can be seen during the usual business hours at the office of the Secretary, Mr. C. B. Brown, Messrs. Linthead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, Hong Kong, and at the office of Messrs. Deacons, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, the Club's Solicitors, and at the Club House, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

Dated the 21st day of May, 1930.
By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

SPORT NOTICES

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and **ENTRY FORMS** for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, 7th June and MONDAY, 10th June, 1930. (Weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries CLOSE at 12 o'clock Noon on THURSDAY, 29th May 1930.

**MAN WHO FREED
8,000 SLAVES.**

"THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD".**BURMESE EPISODE.**

As one who was instrumental in giving freedom to over 8,000 slaves in the North-East Frontier of Burma, and who made a journey into wild parts in order to achieve this result I can speak with first-hand knowledge of slaves and slavery, writes Sir Harcourt Butler, ex-Governor of Burma, in the Sunday Observer.

Speaking with this knowledge, I say unhesitatingly that slavery is the worst thing I have seen in the world, and that no act of my official life has given me greater satisfaction than to have had a hand in abolishing it.

Some slaves, no doubt, are comparatively well treated by their masters: they are allowed some sort of home life, their children and their wives are not taken away from them, they are not often beaten, they are allowed to accumulate some little property of their own; having known no better lot they do not seek actively to change their condition.

There are such slaves, so happily placed, and some of these when given freedom prefer to live on under the old conditions, but with this great and crucial difference, that at any time when they want to they can go away. These are the favoured ones. Their number is few. I will now describe my experiences in the Hakawn Valley, which I visited five years ago.

This is a large valley some fifty miles long and sixty miles wide, near the frontiers of Burma and Assam, China and Tibet. Low-lying, with water a few feet from the surface, sodden with fever, it is surrounded on three sides by hills which rise as high as 10,000 feet. It is crossed by many streams and covered with dense forest or elephant grass 15 feet high.

The Kachin Tribe.
The villages are found in small clearings round a sort of village green, with one or two large trees of the fig tribe, often wild rubber, surrounded by rice fields and patches of cultivation, vegetables, tobacco, and spices. The free men live by families in long barn-like houses of grass and bamboo raised about three or four feet from the ground on wooden piles. The pigs live under the houses and do the necessary scavenging.

The people are Kachins, a large tribe which has given trouble in the past. The chief usually has a long bamboo over his house with discs representing the sun and the moon. Each house has its own granary outside but near it, like a big beehive carefully plastered with mud to keep out rats. The principal houses have their own sacrificial posts in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, to which tie buffaloes for sacrifice: there is also a village sacrificial ground for communal sacrifices to the all-powerful spirits.

The slaves, until married, live in the houses of their masters: after marriage they occupy mean quarters of their own. Before my visit there was no road to the valley: a mule track was cut for my party. Any slave wishing to escape to British territory had to take a forest path. The way was full of perils: the forests were haunted by spirits and full of dangerous animals; they were liable to be pursued and shot. As a body, the slaves were very depressed, wore little clothing, and had a dull and listless look.

The Life of the Slaves.

While I was interviewing a chief and his wife, two of their female slaves came to the camp to claim freedom. The master and his wife, the leading lady of the Hakawn Valley, I was told, certainly vociferous and masterful, sat on a mat. The lady did the talking and the chief quietly de-loused himself. In the early Christian Church, when extreme asceticism was fashionable, and anything that made the human body unpleasant was estimable, lice were called "the pearls of God." Such pearls abounded in these parts.

The leading lady was expounding the contentment of their slaves, when she heard of the arrival of the two malcontents in the camp. She completely lost control of herself, lamenting and yelling that it was the last word in human ingratitude. She had treated them not as slaves, but as daughters. How could she get on without them in the house? They cooked their food and ground the rice and were members of the family. One of the inmates, however, produced a long string, knotted from top to bottom, each knot representing a beating received from her more than motherly mistress. The interview ended outside the hut in a parting blow. The slaves were freed.

Slave Children.

Another slave was a wretched Indian who had been captured crossing the valley and made to her for fifteen years in the

ber mines, insanitary holes in the ground five to forty feet deep. If he ever had any intelligence he had lost it. Another was released on payment by a relative who had come up with us for the purpose. Naturally, the masters kept their slaves in the background, and frightened them with tales of what we should do to them. But we saw enough to realise what the facts were, and what unrest there was among the slaves. The most pathetic sight of all was the slave-children, born to live and die slaves, with no hope of freedom. They might be sold away from their parents, or given in settlement of a blood feud, or as a wedding present, or even sold to Negas as a human sacrifice; though this was rare. A slave was a chattel who could be sold or given away.

After preliminary conferences with the chiefs, in which I was greatly assisted by Col. E. T. Rich, C.I.E., R.E., a distinguished officer of the Survey of India, who knew the people and their language, I held a tribal gathering (Darbar Manao) on January 27, 1925, at which I announced the unalterable decision that slavery and human sacrifice must cease. British officers would visit the valley, make lists of slaves, free them and pay compensation to their masters.

"From to-day, onwards," I said, "there must be no sale of slaves, or gift of slaves as part of dowries in marriage, in settlement of blood-feuds, or otherwise, nor must families of slaves be broken up."

It was a memorable scene. On a clearing in a rice swamp, about a thousand chiefs and elders squatted down in rows with their guns and matchlocks, spears and swords. My officers and I, in full uniform, marched down the middle to a grass shed at the end, where our two transport elephants added dignity to the occasion. Our escort of 100 mounted police gave the necessary display of force. Presents were distributed.

A great feast followed, with fireworks never before seen in the valley. It was somewhat remarkable that as the rockets went up there was a murmur of prolonged "Ohs," such as one hears from a Western crowd, evidently an involuntary articulation. Some 40 mules stampeded to the forest, and two came back only three days afterwards, mauled by a tiger or a leopard, saved no doubt by their heels. The tribes consumed quantities of buffalo flesh and rice spirit, and danced their serpentine dances round the male and female totem posts that had been put up. The Kachin chiefs were aullen, but accepted the decision about slavery, and we left the valley without untoward incident. The Naga chiefs obstinately refused to give up human sacrifice, but were told very clearly that it must be done, and thanks to Messrs. Mitchell, O.B.E., and Dewail, O.B.E., who have visited their country since more than once, it has been done.

Later, on January 10, 1927, I held another Darbar Manao at Myitkyina, the railroad, to deal with the Triangle, an inaccessible tract on the Chinese frontier inhabited by very truculent Kachins. We impressed their chiefs by demolishing a sham village with machine-gun fire. The chief pleaded hard for the maintenance of slavery, an old institution without which they could not live. I was clipping their wings and telling them to fly, and so forth. I listened, but after each outburst repeated that the decision was unalterable, and I could say no more.

The detailed work of emancipation was carried out in expeditions, extending over three years, under the direction of Mr. J. T. O. Barnard, C.I.E., C.B.E., an officer with an unrivalled knowledge of the Kachins, who feared and trusted him as no other man. He was assisted by a band of devoted officers, and especially by Mr. Leonard, O.B.E.

The slaves have settled for the most part in their own country. The latest report is that they are happy.

GREEN BAG TRICK.**Swindling Tourists with Diamonds and Glass.**

Scotland Yard is on the trail of the two swindlers, posing as Russians, who have robbed jewellers in various parts of the country by their sleight of hand, trick with two little green bags, one containing diamonds and the other glass.

It is estimated that more than £10,000 has been netted by the thieves during the past few weeks in London and the South of England.

They have now made their appearance in Dublin, where they obtained £700 by their usual trick of showing a jeweller real gems and then substituting for them the bag of glass. After they went to Belfast, they swindled another jeweller.

**TRAGEDY AND
ROMANCE.**

DOCTOR & HIS BRIDE DIE 16 MONTHS AFTER WEDDING.

London, April 21.
Major and Mrs. Wilson are expected to arrive here this week from Peshawar with an orphan whose parents died in India within 16 months of their romantic wedding in London.

Dr. Sidney Hartley, while surgeon at the Bethnal Green Hospital, married a nurse, Miss Megan Richards, and they both went to Peshawar in February, 1929.

Dr. Hartley died in February of this year, and his widow died a few weeks later.

London, April 23.
A poignant scene was witnessed at Southampton Docks, on the arrival of the steamer Dorsetshire from India, when an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Major C. Wilson, and his wife, placed a six-week-old baby, Anne Marion Hartley (who was orphaned by the most tragic death of both her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Hartley, in the North-West Frontier district) in the arms of her grandparents.

LORD KITCHENER.**Angry with Late Lord Curzon.**

General C. R. Ballard, in his book, "Kitchener" gives his readers a solid and serious criticism of that great soldier's work from the military side. He is fully appreciative of Kitchener's splendid services, but he is not afraid to point out Kitchener's defects.

A curious incident in India is disclosed. During his dispute with Curzon (then Viceroy), Kitchener as Commander-in-Chief was asked to a Viceregal ball at Simla.

In accordance with custom there were two supper-rooms, the smaller of which was reserved for the Viceroy's own circle and distinguished visitors. They were sitting down to table when Lady Curzon noticed that Kitchener was not in the room and no place had been kept for him; this, no doubt, was owing to the negligence of one of the staff.

She was horrified... and rushed out herself to find Kitchener and put things right. But when she reached the main entrance the wheels of a carriage were heard driving away.

It was Kitchener driving off in disgust. His abrupt departure implied that in his opinion the slight had been intentional and constituted a public accusation against his host of grave discourtesy.

Artistic Tastes.
It is a sign of Kitchener's real greatness that before the War he had begun to realise the danger from Germany. But he could do little himself to convince others. Lord Minto said of him:

His shy, reserved manner may have been somewhat against him... he is a curious personality, not attractive in manner, but has a kind heart buried away somewhere, and his inner tastes are much more artistic than military.

Perhaps it was because of this shy manner that he found such difficulty in making himself understood by the politicians.

Nevertheless he saved his country and Europe, and but for him the Great War could hardly have been won. In the first place, he saw that the War would be long, when almost every other staff expert in Europe scouted such an idea. In the second place, he was convinced that he could create a great British army of millions of men.

When the fighting began, he rendered one more stupendous service. French, after Le Cateau, announced that he must retire, withdrawing from the French front "behind the Seine, in a south-westerly direction, west of Paris." Joffre and the French Government were greatly alarmed at this threat of desertion. It was only with much difficulty that Kitchener stopped this proposed movement.

"CRAZY AMERICANS."**Miss Aimee M'Pherson in the Holy Land.**

Jerusalem, April 18.

America's "hot gospelier" is not receiving exactly a cordial welcome in the cradle of religion. Miss Aimee M'Pherson, wearing Biblical garments, headed her 64 followers on visits to Bethany and the Via Dolorosa. As they crossed the streets of the old city Arabs gazed in amazement, and cried out "Crazy Americans."

Miss M'Pherson, who is staying at the De Luxe Palace Hotel, bought quantities of Arab costumes for a sacred opera she has written. Tomorrow she and her followers go to the River Jordan to be baptised. The authorities have placed a time limit to their stay, and police and detectives always escort them wherever they go.

**NEW UNION CHURCH
IN KOWLOON.**

HON. MR. SOUTHERN A BELIEVER OF UNITY.**FOUNDATION STONE LAID.**

The foundation stone of the new Union Church in Kowloon was laid by the Hon. Mr. Wilfred T. Southern, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary) yesterday evening in the presence of the Church Committee, members of the congregation, and representatives from Hong Kong.

The new church adjoins the old one, which will be used as a Sunday School and Church Hall. The foundation stone bore the following inscription "To the Glory of God, this foundation was laid May 27, 1930, by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary."

The Ceremonies.

The ceremonies opened with a Prayer of Invocation by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., after which the Rev. J. Horace Johnston briefly touched on the events which gave birth to the new Church.

Obstacles Deported.

The Hon. Mr. Southern said inter alia: I have, as you know, a great faith in the future of Kowloon and though I do not expect it to oust Victoria from its place as the business centre of the Colony I do expect it far to outstrip the Island of Hong Kong in the number of its inhabitants. It is, therefore, fitting that the Union Church should prepare itself for the future by building a habitation worthy of its high purpose and I am glad to be thus associated in your work.

I am a firm believer in unity and have always felt that the disunion of the Christian Churches is one of the greatest stumbling blocks to the universal acceptance of the Christian Faith. I therefore pay high tribute to those who, sinking those minor differences of outward form, were inspired to raise in this Colony undenominational churches dedicated to the teaching in their simplest forms of what you have so well expressed as those exalted ideals of life and sound principles of conduct which conduce to worthwhile citizenship.

"Well and Truly Laid"

The Hon. Mr. Southern was then presented with a suitably inscribed silver trowel, a gift from Messrs. Leigh and Orange, after which the foundation stone was lowered and bedded, and he declared it laid in the following words "To the Glory of God and in his service I declare this stone well and truly laid."

A Prayer of Dedication was delivered by the Rev. Frank Short and this was followed by those present singing the hymn "This stone to Thee in faith we lay." The ceremony concluded with the Benediction by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

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ANTO MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Thursday, 5th June.
WAKASA MARU	Thursday, 5th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Thursday, 5th June.
TAKAOKA MARU	Thursday, 5th June.
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DAKAR MARU (Cala Saigon)	Friday, 6th June.
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MORIOKA MARU	Friday, 6th June.
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AWA MARU	Friday, 6th June.
GENOA MARU	Friday, 6th June.
KITANO MARU	Tuesday, 10th June.

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CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Sunday, 1st June.
GANGES MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
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MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Friday, 6th June.
SYDNEY MARU	Friday, 6th June.
HAIPHONG—via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 12th June.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 12th June.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports & Panama.	Sunday, 1st June.
HAGUE MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
JAPAN PORTS	Friday, 6th June.
BORNEO MARU	Wednesday, 11th June.
ATLAS MARU	Sunday, 1st June, 3 p.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 8th June, 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Thursday, 5th June, Noon.
TAKAO—via Swatow & Amoy.	Thursday, 5th June, Noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION

EAST AFRICAN PORTS.

PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

A report on the Economic Conditions in Portuguese East Africa, dated December, 1929, by Mr. J. Pyke, His Majesty's Consul-General, Lourenço Marques, is published, for the Department of Overseas Trade, by His Majesty's Stationery Office. The section dealing with ports and shipping reads as follows:—

Lourenço Marques.—Considerable development is taking place and is planned at Lourenço Marques, which is the principal port of import into Portuguese East Africa, and which, it is felt, must benefit increasingly from the effects of the Mozambique Convention. The past two years have seen no cessation in building activity at Lourenço Marques, although until some twelve months ago residential property only was affected.

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Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1930.

recently, however, several of the leading firms have built modern showrooms, garages, &c., and the town council is examining the possibility of compelling owners to erect modern buildings in the commercial centre of the town. The Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company, Ltd., and the Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., will shortly commence erecting fine modern buildings, and the Marine Department has just completed its own workshops close to the dry dock, and proposes to build a number of residences for its staff on the reclaimed ground to the east of the wharf. Factories producing cement pipes and building blocks, also, all from local material, commenced operations during 1929.

Beira's Future.

Beira.—This, the only ocean port of the Mozambique Company's territory, has, by virtue of its central position on the coastline of the colony, become the principal port of transshipment for cargo originating in, or destined for the numerous ports which are not accessible to ocean traffic. It serves a vast hinterland, comprising both Rhodesia, the Katanga district of the Belgian Congo, Nyasaland, and the Zambesi Valley. The future of the port would appear to depend not so much on possibilities of local competition as upon trans-continental railway development. The Benguela railway, which is nearing completion, will afford an alternative and shorter outlet for the produce of the Katanga copper mines, though the position of those mines depend for fuel, is a factor in favour of the Beira route and may result in a proportion of the traffic using this port for some time to come. In the meantime the proportion of Southern Rhodesian imports passing through Beira rose from 48.5 per cent. in 1927 to 52 per cent. in 1928, whilst the recent important copper development in Northern Rhodesia and the construction of the Zambesi Bridge and consequent opening up of Nyasaland can hardly fail to result in greatly increased traffic.

Mozambique.

There is little doubt that with the further extension of the Mozambique railway this port will improve its position in the colony. Lumbo, the railroad, has grown considerably during the last three years, and is now a small and well laid out town; it is probable that merchants dealing with the trade of this district will be compelled at some future time to transfer their establishments to Lumbo, or possibly to a new railroad at Nacala or Conducia Bay, some miles to the northwards, and it is understood that the Government favours this development.

Quelimane Ports.—The trade of Quelimane shows a slight improvement during the past few years, but owing to the difficult nature of the bar at the mouth of the river on which it stands, it can never be other than a port of transshipment served by small coasting steamers. The district of Quelimane, however, contains several other ports, of which Pebane, Naburi, and Moma have possibilities.

Ports of Cabo Delgado.—This district, which comprises the seaboard of the territory administered until lately by the Nyassa Company, contains what is stated to be the finest port on the East African coast, and the Colonial Government wishes to undertake some modernisation at Port Amelia at an early date. The other port in this district, presents inconveniences in that shoal water is met with some five miles from the shore, and it appears that Mocimboa da Praia, some 80 miles to the north of it, which is already the seat of the largest sisal growing enterprise in the district, may take its place as the modern port of transshipment of the colony.

Competition among shipping companies continues to be severe, and although the tonnage of British vessels calling at the ports of the colony represents 52.4 per cent. of the total for the Government-administered area and about 60 per cent. at Beira, this percentage has shown a steady diminution during the last five years.

An attempt to undercut the freights established by the East African Conference, proved a failure, and the principal competition to British shipping arises from German, Dutch, Japanese, Italian and Belgian lines, of which the last-named has obtained practically the whole of the traffic from the Congo shipped through Beira. One of the Italian lines is on the point of doubling its service.

SEARCH FOR 60 SEAMEN.

VESSEL BURNED OUT: LIFEBOAT CAPSIZED.

A Bridgeport, Connecticut, message reads:—Sixteen lives are believed to have been lost when the cargo steamer Thames caught fire and blew up off Long Island Sound Beach, near here. Rescue vessels spent the entire day cruising for the missing, and the search was resumed this morning.

Captain R. H. Sherman, of the Thames, who escaped in another boat with eight men, returned home exhausted after forty hours without sleep, and described vividly the suddenness with which the flames spread after the discovery of the outbreak. It was found difficult to arouse the crew, who were asleep in different parts of the steamer, and to launch two lifeboats owing to the suffocating smoke. One of the boats capsized.

FISHERY RIGHTS.

British Boats May Now Work Coasts of Russia.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. The British and Russian temporary fisheries' agreement, which comes into force immediately and is to serve as a modus vivendi pending the conclusion of the formal convention, permits British registered fishing boats to fish at a distance of from three to 12 geographical miles from low water mark along the northern coasts of Russia and the islands dependent thereon, and permits them to navigate and anchor in all waters contiguous to these coasts. As regard bays, the distance is measured from a line drawn across the bay in the part nearest the entrance at the first point where the width does not exceed 10 miles. In the White Sea British fishing boats may fish north of a latitude 63 degrees 10 north outside three miles from the land. Waters to which the agreement applies lie between meridians 30 and 40.

Nothing in the agreement is to prejudice the views held by either Government as to the limits in international law of the territorial waters. There are two protocols, one providing that the agreement shall not entitle British fishing boats to navigate in Russian inland or other waters which may be closed to foreign vessels generally, and the other to the effect that the British Government adhere to their view as to the right of British fishing boats to fish in waters to which the temporary agreement does not apply, and reserving the right to re-open the question of limits specific therein when the negotiations for a formal convention take place.—British Wireless Service.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—

In Basin of R.N. Dockyard Tamar, Sirdar.
North Arm: Marazion, Stormcloud.
West Wall: Somme.
In Dock: Bruce, Tarantula, Moth.
No. 2 Buoy: Hermes.
Foreign men-of-war in port were:—
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Empress of Asia	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
Empress of Canada	July 10	July 13	July 15	July 17	July 25
Empress of Russia	July 23	July 26	July 29	July 31	Aug. 9
Empress of Japan	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 22
Empress of Asia	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 5
Empress of Canada	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
Empress of Russia	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
Empress of Japan	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 17
Empress of Asia	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
Empress of Canada	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 14
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S.T. ALBANS	4,500	10th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	11th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MORCA	10,954	20th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,114	4th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	18th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KASHGAR	9,005	29th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MORCA	10,954	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MACEDONIA	11,120	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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GLOOMY SURVEY.

A survey of the British ship-
building position and prospects
issued by the Shipbuilding Em-
ployers' Federation, states that
the March quarter was one of the
worst experienced, for several
years with regard to orders for
new ships. Orders for cargo
boats, it is stated, have been al-
most negligible, and tanker or-
ders, which have been so notable a
feature of recent years, have
now practically ceased, while
several of the firms engaged on
liner work are completing the last
vessels under construction and
disposing with large numbers of
workpeople, since they have been
unable to secure other passenger
work or warship work to follow
that which is being finished.

Warship work alone before the
war, it is pointed out, represented
25 per cent. of the value of the
British shipbuilding output, but
at present there is under construc-
tion in private yards only one-half
of the amount which was building
a year ago, and less than one-
seventh of the average warship
tonnage under construction dur-
ing the three years 1912-1914.

The orders returns of the
Federation show that 69 per cent.
of the shipbuilding firms did not
receive a single order during
January, 84 per cent. did not get
an order in February, 80 per cent.
did not obtain an order in March,
and 50 per cent. of the firms did
not receive a single order through-
out the whole of the quarter.

"A large proportion of the
1,614,000 tons under construction
at the end of March in Great Bri-
tain is in the completion stages,"
states the survey. "The pros-
pects for the immediate future
are not bright. The serious de-
pression in shipping and the great
increase in tonnage laid up, which
includes even ships which have
not made a single voyage, have
made orders, or even inquiries,
scarce. Practically no cargo
boats are now being ordered."

The fact is disclosed in the
survey that for the first time
more motor tonnage than steam
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May 30 at about 5 a.m.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by use of the Tide-
predicting Machine, which includes 40
components for the better prediction
of tides, from the result of the
analysis of the tidal observations
taken at the Kowloon tidal observa-
tory under the direction of Dr.
Dobson during the years 1887, 1888,
and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

May 28 to June 3, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
May	Standard Time	Standard Time
Wed. 28	m 8 45 7.5	m 3 35 8.6
Thurs 29	m 10 39 4.4	m 5 5 0.4
11 38 4.1	m 5 5 2.8	
11 38 4.1	m 5 5 2.8	
Fri. 30	m 10 1 8.0	m 3 37 0.0
5 33 0.0		
Sat. 31	m 10 43 3.9	m 4 10 3.7
m 10 48 7.9	m 3 34 1.1	
Sun. 1	m 2 1 3.7	m 4 45 3.4
m 11 37 7.7	m 5 54 3.6	
Mon. 2	m 2 30 3.7	m 5 54 3.6
0 38 7.4	m 6 42 3.9	
Tues. 3	m 4 23 0.0	m 6 42 3.9
5 36 6.5	m 6 42 3.9	

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CHANGTE	8th August	15th August
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T'au via Stow & Shai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 8th June at 10 a.m.
T'au via Stow & Shai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 11th June at 10 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Fri., 30th May at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Sat., 7th June at 3 p.m.
Amoy	SUISANG	Fri., 6th June at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUTSANG	Thurs., 10th June at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji	HOSANG	Thurs., 20th June at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & YUENSANG		Wed., 9th July at 7 a.m.
Kobe		
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 28th May at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 11th June at 3 p.m.
T'au via Stow & Foochow	CHIPSANG	Wed., 11th June at 7 a.m.
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presented by the Chamber of
Shipping and the Liverpool Steam
Ship Owners' Association on the
subjects to be discussed. They
have also conferred with repre-
sentatives of the Classification So-
cieties who assign load lines to
ships, and we understand that to-
day representatives of the Ger-
man Government are meeting of-
ficials of the Board for a prelimi-
nary discussion of the whole sub-
ject.

There is little doubt that the
success of the International Con-
ference on Safety of Life at Sea,
held last year, was largely due to
the careful preparation before-
hand which the Board of Trade
organised. It is a good augury
for the success of the forthcoming
Conference that similar steps are
being taken to prepare the way
for the important discussions
which will take place when the re-
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time countries meet around a
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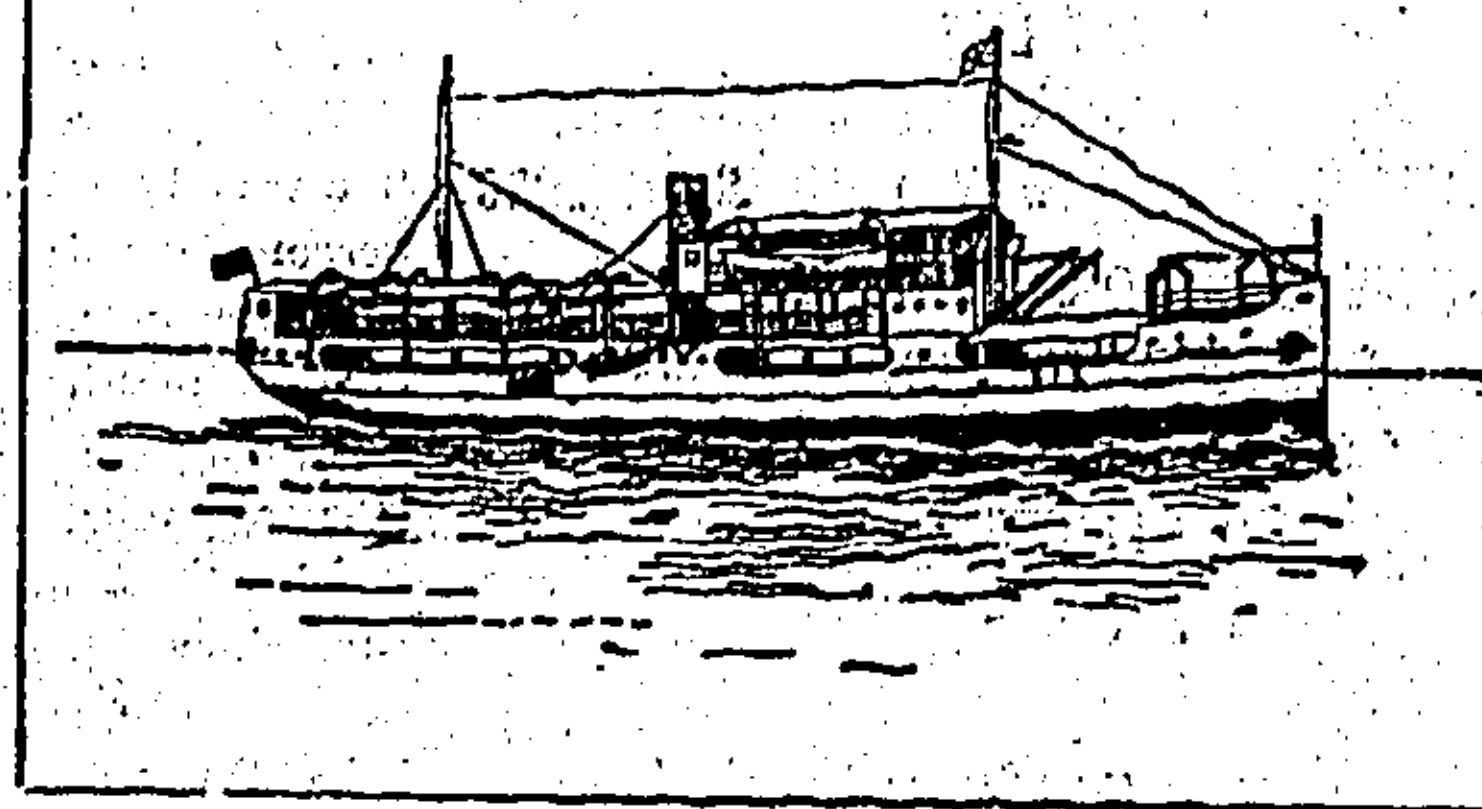
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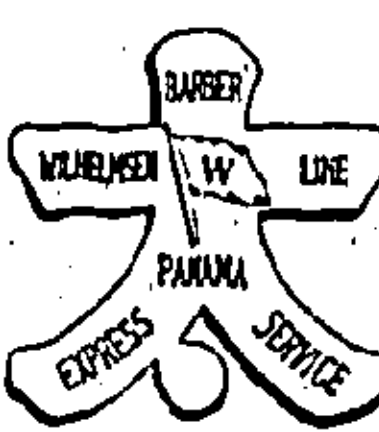
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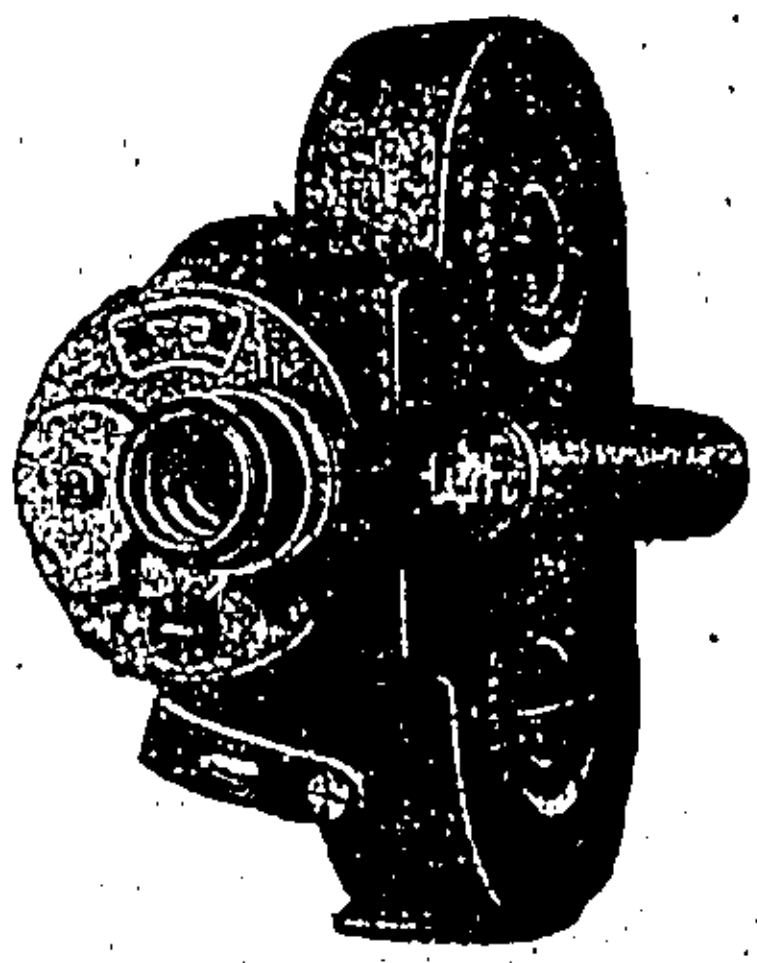
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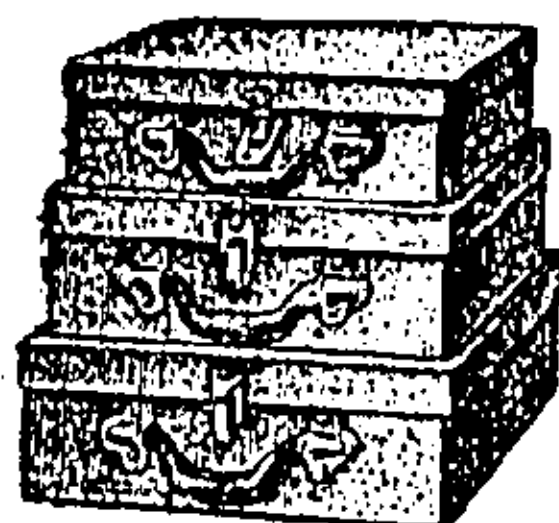
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, May 28, 1930.

MOTORING RISKS.

If motoring accidents continue with the same frequency as over the week-end the newspapers may follow the example of one of the Colombo papers and feature "The Daily Accident." Not that this is in any way likely to reduce the number, for there are some skulls on which "continual dripping" makes not an iota of difference. They drive with the same degree of carelessness and indifference as before, hoping, perhaps, that if anything does happen, their own skins will be saved and they can recover the cost of any repair to their cars from the insurance companies. This may be all very well up to a point, but there is another more important aspect to be considered—the menace to other motorists and to pedestrians.

In two cases heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday the Acting Inspector-General of Police appeared as complainant in a very literal sense. If his own personal experiences are those of the average motor car owner, it is obvious that the regulations governing the issue of drivers' licences must be considerably tightened up in the interests of the general public. In the first case a Chinese drove a motor lorry down Dairy Farm Hill—a prohibited road for learners—and completely lost his head on seeing a bus approaching. He swerved and ran into the back of Mr. King's car. Only the presence of a licensed driver averted what might have been a very serious accident involving the highest Police officer at present in the Colony.

In the second case Mr. King had also a narrow escape in Stubbs Road. A Chinese driver of a public car was driving down the middle of the road far too fast, considering the gradient and the bend, and, to avoid a collision, Mr. King, who was driving in the opposite direction, had to stop his car. And other motor accidents over the week-end suggest most emphatically that not sufficient discrimination is shown in the granting of licences to car drivers and motor lorry drivers.

It may be fortunate in a sense that the Acting Inspector-General of Police has himself had unfortunate experiences of this lack of discrimination or care, for he should now be most sympathetic toward any movement for tightening up the regulations made by his own Department. It is obvious that in some cases the examinations and practical tests of applicants for motor drivers' licences are far too lackadaisical. Where the safety of the public is concerned these cannot be made too severe. It is even known—and not only in Hong Kong—that some traffic officers are easier to pass than others. We have in mind the case of a learner (not in this Colony) who tried for months to pass the tests of a traffic constable and failed dismally. Then he attempted the ruse of going to another part of the city and passing another constable's tests with the greatest of ease! This kind of thing may be possible in this Colony by an applicant who falls in Hong Kong going over to Kowloon, or vice versa. We know of no concrete example of this, we admit, but nevertheless such a danger has to be guarded against. And, if motor accidents occur in the near future in the same proportion as of late, we may find the insurance companies appointing their own testers of drivers before they issue an insurance policy. If applicants for licences had to pass the tests of the traffic authorities and of the insurance companies, the general public would feel more assured than at present that the policy of "Safety First" is a very real and earnest one in this Colony.

News in Brief

A Chinese named Chau Ho, who gave his age as 74, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital to-day by the Police after being found sick and destitute in Shantung Street.

A Chinese woman named Chan Kuen died at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon from a fractured skull. She received her injury through falling down the hill at Pokfulam the previous afternoon whilst she was cutting grass.

Sanitary Inspector Roylance effected the arrest of a Chinese who stole a blanket from the Sang Lee contractor's matted in Cox's Road. On the man's appearance at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day he was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

On Tuesday afternoon Lady Peel paid a visit to the Cheer 'O Canteen, at the City Hall, and expressed her approval of the work done there by the ladies for the welfare and happiness of the men of His Majesty's Forces. All concerned highly appreciate the interest which Lady Peel took in the Canteen.

A Chinese named Tsang So, who disobeyed his deportation order from the Colony for five years, was last November sent to jail for eight months, with the additional punishment of 15 strokes of the birch. The other day he received his discharge from jail, when his banishment was renewed. His obstinacy led him to disobey it, and at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day he was sentenced to ten months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

A case of alleged rape in the Hotel Nathan on a girl of 14 by a shopkeeper, was mentioned at the Kowloon Police Court to-day, Inspector Murphy appearing on behalf of the S.C.A. A Chinese woman and a man were charged with the procurement of the girl without legal consent. The first accused was given \$1,000 bail, and it was intimated that Mr. J. M. Remedios will appear for his defence. His Worship fixed hearing for June 6.

SANITATION.

Closets in Chinese Tenements.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, yesterday, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions which were answered by the President, Mr. G.R. Sayer:—

1. (i) In view of the fact that permission for the installation of water closets in Chinese tenement houses has been frequently refused on grounds other than that of a failure to comply with prescribed conditions, will the President kindly state what other conditions must be fulfilled before permission can be recommended?

Reply:—(i) I conceive that, over and above specified conditions, the Board assures itself before making any grant that the broad interests of public health will not in any way be prejudiced.

(ii) Should the water carriage system be encouraged in Chinese tenement houses?

Reply:—(ii) This is a matter of policy for the Board as a whole to determine. The view of my department—which is endorsed by the D.M.S.S.—is that, a policy of cautious progress is the proper one.

2. Will the President kindly describe the procedure attending an application for the installation of water closets?

Reply:—The applicant is required to complete an approved form; submit a plan and furnish particulars regarding the adequacy of the proposed source of water supply.

3.—What is the usual period which must elapse between the receipt of the application and its final submission to the water closet Sub-committee for consideration?

Reply:—Straightforward cases are normally placed before the Committee within a month of the application. The time which must elapse between the application and the final decision must necessarily depend in each case on the numbers of references back for further enquiry which the Committee finds necessary.

BOGUS STORY OF GAGGING.

Paris, April 26. At the end of March an employee of the Association of Foreign Exchange Agents declared that he had been gagged and robbed of a sum of sixty thousand francs (about £480) which he had received for the pay of the staff. He has since confessed that he invented the story, and had embezzled the money.

He has just been convicted, but although nominally sentenced to two years' imprisonment he was given the benefit of the first offenders' law, and got off with no more than fifty francs fine.

NO RADIUM SHORTAGE.

Brussels, April 26. It is learned here that there is little likelihood of a shortage of radium, as feared by a well-known South African newspaper. The Union Miniers, the company mainly concerned in the production of radium, hopes to intensify its output, and does not contemplate any increase in the present price of radium.—Reuter.

MR. T. G. BRAYFIELD FINED.

HOW TICKETS SHOULD BE "SHOWN."

K.C.R. INCIDENTS.

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield was fined \$5 on each of two summonses arising out of his alleged refusal to show his railway ticket, in such a manner that it could be properly examined and punched. The incidents were stated to have occurred on the Kowloon-Canton Railway on May 8. A third summons, for obstruction by leaving a motor car on Railway property, was set down to be heard on June 11.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Railway officials involved, and Mr. J. T. Prior was for Mr. Brayfield.

Mr. Andrewes, in opening the case, referred to the sections of the Ordinance and the Railway Rules applicable to the incidents. It was emphasised here that a ticket issued to a passenger still remained the property of the railway, and that mutilated tickets were not valid.

Alleged "Incident."

Continuing, Mr. Andrewes said that Li Yan-leung a ticket collector, would say that he was on duty on May 8 punching tickets for the 5.40 p.m. train from Kowloon. About five minutes before the train left, Mr. Brayfield arrived and produced his ticket in his right hand between his thumb and fore finger thus covering it in such a way that only the words "New Territory" could be read, the word "residents" and the destination together with part of the number being hidden by Mr. Brayfield's thumb.

Mr. Andrewes demonstrated the manner in which the defendant was alleged to have held the ticket and intimated that the ticket collector's punch was constructed in such a way that it would not operate unless a considerable portion of the ticket were exposed.

Mr. Brayfield went on board the train without having his ticket punched and the collector reported the incident to Mr. F. W. Winyard, who boarded the train, and, between Yaumatei and the tunnel, went to Mr. Brayfield. The latter held his ticket at arm's length away from Mr. Winyard and refused to show it, remarking that it was his property.

Mr. Winyard accordingly reported the matter and as a result the present summonses were issued.

"Great Sense of Humour."

The Chinese ticket collector having given evidence, and denied in cross-examination that Mr. Brayfield proffered the whole ticket, Mr. F. Winyard was next called. He said that when he asked Mr. Brayfield for his ticket the latter said he had shown it at Kowloon. Witness, however, requested that he might see the ticket, whereupon defendant held it out at arm's length away from him, stating, "I will not allow you to touch it." Defendant also said the ticket was his own property. Witness could not see what sort of a ticket it was, except that it was white.

In reply to Mr. Prior, witness said that Mr. Brayfield "had a great sense of humour" and had travelled on trains with a third class ticket with a first class ticket in his possession also. Witness had never heard of Mr. Brayfield travelling without a ticket, but had heard that he had paid "excess fares," which were required when a passenger had no ticket.

Witness added that he had not heard of Mr. Brayfield having his ticket taken away by inspectors about eighteen months ago. Mr. Brayfield had acted in such a manner that "special attention was paid to him." Witness had previously made reports to the manager, but this was the first action he had taken.

Manager's Evidence.

Mr. Robert Baker, Manager of the Railway, said that defendant had travelled without a ticket on more than one occasion. He had applied for a season ticket for half a month, but as this was not issued, it was refused.

Witness admitted that a letter, asking Mr. Brayfield for an explanation as to why a ticket he had produced on a certain date had contained two punch marks, was written on his instructions. In reply Mr. Brayfield had written a letter but he could not remember whether he had seen it or not.

Golfers' Tickets.

Mr. Prior: The accusation in that letter was dropped?—No, we asked for an explanation.

Was any explanation given?—I think Mr. Andrewes showed me the letter, but we got no explanation. It was not a complete explanation.

And, was it satisfactory?—No, it did not satisfy me.

Does the letter concern a ticket of this sort (ticket produced)?—I think so.

You will notice that one of these tickets is punched?—Yes. Is that correctly in Mr. Brayfield's possession?—No. These tickets are issued for members of the Golf Club and Mr. Brayfield is not a member.

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But he was a member of the Golf Club when these tickets were issued?—Yes, but he is not entitled to use them now. When he ceases to be a member these tickets cease to be available to him.

His Worship remarked that he had never seen such tickets and was informed that they were issued in 1921.

Mr. Prior: Is it stated on the ticket that they are available to members of the Golf Club?—No, I have a copy of a letter sent to the Hon. Secretary in 1923.

These tickets were issued in 1921 I think?

Mr. Baker, on referring to the letter, mentioned that it was dated 1918 and it indicated that the tickets were issued as a special concession to the members of the Golf Club.

Mr. Prior maintained that Mr. Brayfield was entitled to use the tickets as he was a member of the Club when they were issued to him.

Persecution? Mr. Baker intimated that he should have surrendered the unused tickets to the Golf Club and had a refund.

Mr. Prior pointed out that according to the tickets members were not entitled to a refund.

His Worship interposed and remarked that that was rather a side issue.

Mr. Prior said what he was getting at was that the Railway administration had always been worrying the defendant.

His Worship pointed out that according to Mr. Winyard it was defendant who worried the railway. Mr. Prior replied that if that was so he would have to mention a number of things the railway had done to worry his client. He proceeded to question witness about a complaint by defendant as to the insanitary condition of certain latrines.

His Worship here remarked that he did not wish to stop Mr. Prior, but the case might go on for a week at this rate.

Mr. Prior proceeded to argue that there was no regulation regarding the punching of tickets. He was told that there was a provision in the Railway rules, but on Mr. Baker referring to the rules he intimated that the provision was, in fact, contained in a circular.

Mr. Brayfield's Evidence.

Mr. Brayfield was then called. He stated that he produced the whole of the ticket to the Chinese collector. The attitude of the Railway officials toward him was antagonistic, and they were trying to get him into Court. He had only stuck determinedly to the regulations. About 18 months ago two inspectors on the train took his ticket and handed it over to Mr. Baker, who was travelling in the coach. He considered the present proceedings unreasonable, and he had not travelled without a ticket.

His Worship came to the conclusion that to "show" a ticket meant to produce it in such a way as to allow an inspector to read and examine it. Fines were imposed as stated.

SIEGE OF KUT.

Survivors Hold a Reunion Dinner.

London, April 27. The first reunion dinner of the survivors of the Siege of Kut-el-Amara was held at Anderton's hotel.

Two hundred survivors, many of whom had specially come great distances, stood in silence in memory of General Sir Charles Townsend, when the chairman, Major-General Sir Charles John Melliss, gave the toast of "Our Defender."

Lieutenant-General Sir Walter Delamain said that General Townsend was an enterprising and enthusiastic soldier, who gained the trust and confidence of his troops. (Cheers.)

Mr. Erroll Sherson, General Townsend's cousin, said that in spite of his general popularity, Townsend made many enemies, especially among the politicians, who pursued and finally broke him, as they tried to break Kitchener and Haig. Townsend did his duty during his whole life. No man could do more than that.

Ten Years Ago

From the "China Mail" May 28, 1920.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/2½d.

It would appear that there is to be an attempt at revival of the thoroughbred griffin in racing circles on the China Coast and at Hong Kong. "Australian thoroughbreds" are used extensively throughout India, Federated Malay States and Siam and it would be a pleasure innovation if these highly strung animals were again seen on the local turf. The Shanghai Racing Club are interested in this three good samples now awaiting trans-shipment to this Club. The price of these animals is said to be little higher, if any more, than the China pony.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"Married in Hollywood" at the Queen's.

MUSICAL COMEDY STARS.

"Married in Hollywood", Oscar Straus operetta, directed by Marcel Silver, Fox Movietone all singing, dancing and talking song romance, the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, surpasses in every way, anything that has yet come to the screen.

It boasts of a cast that includes, at least four musical comedy stars, J. Harold Murray, of "Rio Rita" fame, Norma Terris, who sang the leading role in "Show Boat" on Broadway, Walter Catlett, star of many musical shows, and Irene Palasty, who sang the leading part in "No, No, Nanette", in Europe.

THE IDLE RICH.

Bessie Love experienced the thrill of her life while she was making "The Idle Rich". William de Mille's all-taking picture, which will open at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow, as a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature.

The big moment came one night when she finished work and went to the opening of "The Broadway Melody", in which she scored an outstanding triumph. In the middle of the picture the audience burst into an ovation that all but stopped the film. Bessie knew then that she had made a "come back" after being out of pictures for some time.

William de Mille directed the new film from a script prepared by Clara Beranger from Edith Ellis's stage comedy, "White Collars". Bessie shares the leading roles with Conrad Nagel and Lella Hyams. Edythe Chapman, James Neill, Robert Ober, Paul Kruger, and Kenneth Gibson are in the cast.

STAR THEATRE.

Appreciative audiences welcomed the screening of Herbert Brenon's production, "The Little French Girl", at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, yesterday. It will be repeated at the usual performances to-day.

Brenon, the director of "Sorrell and Son", "Peter Pan", and many other productions of like popularity, selected a specially reputed cast of players for this film, the majority of scenes in which were taken at the residence of the Governor of Bermuda, Sir John Asser.

Culminating with a touch of War, the armistice, and love, the story is interesting.

By courtesy of D. W. Griffiths, the director, Alice Joyce, Mary Brian, Neil Hamilton and Esther Ralston appear in this film, the supporting cast of which includes Anthony Jovitt, Jane Jennings, and Mildred Ryan.

A Metro Comedy, entitled "That Night", is a "scream", with Polly Moran and Max Davidson in the lead roles, while a Prizma Colour, depicting Mecca, is another feature.

"THE PATRIOT".

"Wonder Picture" at the Majestic.

Tsar Paul I. of Russia, who reigned during the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, gained international fame by being murdered! This fact was recently brought to light with the presentation in Berlin of Alfred Neumann's play, "The Patriot". It was written around the last few days of the Emperor's life, and in doing so, Neumann presented to the world a knowledge of the interesting and colourful incidents that led up to the assassination of "crazy Paul". Jananings impersonates Paul I.

"The Patriot" was purchased for the screen by Paramount, not only for its interesting possibilities, but principally because the leading character offered Emil Jananings, the acknowledged greatest dramatic actor on the screen to-day, the opportunity to reach the peak of his dramatic ability. Suffice to say, Jananings has made Paul I. real, and almost terrible, so realistic does he interpret the role of a mad man.

For Paul the first was mad. There is little doubt of that. Historic facts, recently revealed for the first time, present him as having the heart of a child, and a brain of a tiger. His actions, his orders, or "edicts", prove that statement beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Paul I. was a great man for show. He delighted in flare and colour and also prided himself in his ability to be the perfect drill sergeant. He would drill his men until they dropped from exhaustion, and then to show his peculiar twist of mind, would order the exhausted ones to be slain or banished to Siberia for coming to such a state. He once ordered a regiment to march and then forgot to halt them. They were in such a state of fear of him that they marched into Siberia and he never saw them again.

Paul, on being informed of this, laughed heartily.

Fears His Subjects.

But his subjects' fear of him was no greater than his fear of his subjects. He constantly feared being murdered. He built what he thought to be a murder-proof castle in St. Petersburg in which to hide. His greatest fear occurred at night when he would be alone. He could not escape himself.

Paul had a good reason to fear for his life had he known it. His most trusted friend and adviser was the leading light in his downfall. That man was Count Pahlen, Minister of War. He pitted the Tsar, yet pitted his countrymen greater. He resolved to put the Tsar off the throne and set Crown Prince Alexander on it in his father's place.

How he accomplished this, and the many interesting incidents leading up to the climax, serve to make "The Patriot" an outstanding picture. It has been called the "wonder picture" and rightly so.

This filmed version of Russian history was directed by Ernst Lubitsch for Paramount. He assembled a remarkable cast around the great Jananings. It includes Florence Vidor as Countess Ostermann; Lewis Stone as the Count Pahlen, and Neil Hamilton as Crown Prince Alexander. Two other well known character artists are Vera Voronina and Harry Cording.

The picture opened to-day at the Majestic Theatre Kowloon, for an extended run. It gives every indication of being received by local film "fans" with hearty approval.

INDIAN IN AFRICA.

Sir K. V. Reddi Discusses the Problem.

Bombay, April 23.

Sir K. V. Reddi, Agent-General of the Government of India in South Africa, who has been in India on sick leave, left Bombay for South Africa this afternoon by the Karagala.

In the course of an interview, prior to his departure, Sir Kurma stated that although the situation in South Africa, with reference to the Indian population, had somewhat improved during the past two years, there were still several problems which remained to be tackled.

The outstanding problem is that relating to the grant of trading licences in the Transvaal. During his absence in India the Indians in South Africa, had a staunch friend in Mr. J. D. Tyson. Mr. Tyson was especially chosen by the Government of India to have the claims of Indians properly presented before the select committee appointed by the Government of the Union of South Africa.

Transvaal Laws.

Sir Kurma said the laws of the Transvaal were peculiar, and the right of Indians to own or occupy immovable property was regulated by certain laws. According to these laws Indians could not own land, or reside in many areas. Besides, trading licences had been refused to Indians by certain municipalities, which had to recommend the grant of certificates.

"The question," said Sir Kurma, "was taken up by me during my stay in South Africa last year and a select committee was appointed to inquire into the position created by certain recent judgments of the Supreme Court, regarding the residence or occupation of fixed property by Indians, or other persons belonging to the native races of Asia, on proclaimed grounds in the Transvaal; and the question as to how far the intentions of the Parliament are being given effect to."

Sir Kurma arrived in Bombay from South Africa on December 21 last year, when his illness was so serious that he had to be removed on a stretcher from the ship and taken to a private nursing home.

AMERICA ONCE MORE

Delegates Satisfied with Naval Treaty.

New York, April 23.

The American delegates from the London Naval Conference drove in motor cars forming a procession to the City Hall, proceeding via Broadway.

The streets were lined with interested, but comparatively silent crowds, and there was a noticeable absence of paper streamers from sky-scrapers which usually characterize big American demonstrations.

After an official welcome at the City Hall, Mr. Stimson said, on behalf of the delegates, that their welcome was taken as an indication of American sympathy in the cause of international good-will and peace.

"We met fairness and good-will from all the other delegations," continued Mr. Stimson, "and the spirit of the conference was one of its finest attributes."

"It is a good Treaty for the United States and a step forward in the movement towards world peace," declared Mr. Dwight Morrow.

"Mrs. Stimson said 'I am glad to be back for it has been a most trying time. Our husbands worked so hard that we feel we ought to be rewarded by one they dropped introduced to them'."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea and Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 and 8.30 p.m. respectively.

May 30—H.K.V.D.C. dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Married in Hollywood".

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Little French Girl".

To-day—World Theatre, "The Actress", 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.

"The Great Success" (Chinese picture), 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Patriot."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tosnyo Maru).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Chichibu Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

May 30—Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 11 a.m.; China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 11.15 a.m.; British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 11.20 a.m. respectively.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-8 p.m.—Dance Programme (Victor Records):—

7 p.m.—"When the Little Red Roses Get the Blues for You"—Fox Trot, "Sing a Little Thing"—Song—Fox Trot (Al Dubin-Joe Burke)—George Olsen and His Music, Vocal Refrain by Fran Frey.

7.05 p.m.—"Lazy Louisiana Moon"—Waltz (Walter Donaldson), "Alone with my Dreams"—Fox Trot (Gus Kahn-Harry Archer), Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.

7.12 p.m.—"Exactly Like You"—Fox Trot (Dorothy Fields-Jimmy McHugh), "On the Sunny Side of the Street"—Fox Trot (Dorothy Fields-Jimmy McHugh), Bernie Cummins and His New Yorker Hotel Orchestra.

7.18 p.m.—"Red Hot Chicago"—Fox Trot (De Sylva-Brown-Henderson), "Wasn't it Beautiful While it Lasted"—Fox Trot (De Sylva-Brown-Henderson), Waring's Pennsylvanians.

7.24 p.m.—"The Woman in the Shoe"—Fox Trot (Arthur Freed-Nacio Herb Brown), "Only Love is Real"—Fox Trot (Arthur Freed-Nacio Herb Brown), The High Hatlers, conducted by Leonard Joy.

7.30 p.m.—"When it's Springtime in the Rockies"—Waltz, "Down the River of Golden Dreams"—Waltz—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.

7.36 p.m.—"Sweepin' the Clouds Away"—Fox Trot (Sam Coslow), "Any Time's the Time to Fall in Love"—Fox Trot, Philip Spitalny and His Orchestra.

7.42 p.m.—"The One I Love Just Can't Be Brothered with Me"—Fox Trot, "Blue, Turning Grey Over You"—Fox Trot, Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.

7.48 p.m.—"Let Me Sing and I'm Happy"—Fox Trot (Irving Berlin), "Across the Breakfast Table, Looking at You"—Fox Trot, Waring's Pennsylvanians.

7.54 p.m.—"Polly"—Fox Trot (J. S. Zamecnik), "Prudy"—Fox Trot (Frank Banta-Peter De Rose), Zec Confrey and His Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Variety Programme of Victor Records by Tsang Fook Piano Company:—

8 p.m.—"Caravan Overture" (Dvorak, Op. 92), Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Direction of Frederick Stock.

8.08 p.m.—"Denny Deever" (Rudyard Kipling—Walter Dausch), "On the Road to Mandalay" (Rudyard Kipling-Oley Speaks), Reinhold Werrenrath, Baritone with Orchestra.

8.16 p.m.—"Rose of the Bud" (Dorothy Foster), "One Little Dream of Love" (Westell Gordon), Renee Chemet, Piano Accompaniment—Harry Kaufman.

8.22 p.m.—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" (James Bland), "Darling Nellie Gray" (B. R. Hanby), Peerless Quartet.

8.28 p.m.—"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" (Leon Tessel), "O, Ye Ye" (Raymond Klages—Alexandra de Markoff), Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.

8.34 p.m.—"Carcass" (Prison Song) (Chapin), "Serenata" (Serenade) (G. A. Casareo—F. Paolo Testi), Amelita Galli-Curci, Piano Accompaniment—Homer Samuels.

8.40 p.m.—Peer Gyn Suite No. 2: Part 1—"Ingrid's Lament" (Grieg, Op. 55), Part 2—"Arabian Dance" (Grieg, Op. 55).

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONG KONG FLYING CLUB.

OPENING CEREMONY NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING of the Flying Club's Hangar and Club premises will be performed by H.E. Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., C.M.G., at four o'clock next SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 31st, at Kai Tak Aerodrome.

A special motor bus belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will run every fifteen minutes from the Star Ferry to the Club premises between 3.15 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Tea will be provided in the Club House and all interested in aviation are requested to apply to any of the following committee members for invitations.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Capt. K. B. B. Benfield, D.S.O., M.C., Wing Commander A. H. S. Steel-Perkins, O.B.E., R.A.F., Lieut. Commander H. S. Quance, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Dr. F. G. Farr, Mr. C. D. Lambert, Mr. J. Chao, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin or Mr. A. W. Summers, c/o Thea Cook and Son, Limited, Pedder Building.

PENINSULA HOTEL

Tuesday, 3rd June, 1930.

Patrons are notified that no Dinner Dance will be held at the above Hotel on Tuesday, 3rd June, 1930.

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having arrived, Consignments of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd June, 1930, 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 2nd June, 1930, at 10 a.m.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1930.

Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.48 p.m.—"Peer Gyn Suite No. 2: Part 2—"The Return of Peer Gyn", Part 4—"Solveig's Song", Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9 p.m.—Weather Report.

Studio Concert.

1. Pianoforte Solo: a) The Erlking, b) The Lindtree, c) Soiree de Vienna, (Schubert-Liszt), Mr. Harry Ore.

2. Ballads: Selected.....Mrs. Shoesmith.

3. Violin Solo: "Czardas" (Monti), "Madrigal" (Simonetti), Yvonne Curti (Columbia Record).

4. Songs: a) "Bois Epais" (Lully), b) "Arioso de Benvenuto" (Diaz), Mr. Li Chor-chi.

5. Pianoforte Solo: Ballad Op. 24 (Grieg), Mr. Harry Ore.

6. Songs: a) "Torna a Surriento" (De Curtis), b) "Pescatore's Canto" (Tosti), Mr. Li Chor-chi.

7. Humorous Sketch: "The Fourth Form at St. Michael's" (Will Hay), Will Hay & His Scholars (Columbia Record).

8. Ballads: Selected.....Mrs. Shoesmith.

9. Pianoforte Solo: a) Polka (Rubinstein), b) Gavotte (Glazunoff), c) March "Tannhauser" (Wagner), Mr. Harry Ore.

10. Songs: a) "A Song and a Dream" (Cadman), b) "The Yeoman's Wedding Song" (Pontatowski), Mr. Li Chor-chi.

10.30 p.m.—(Approx.)—Close Down.

There will be a Studio Concert on Friday at 9 p.m., when two new comers to the Colony will be heard. They are Mrs. Snowdon Jones, soprano, who has successfully broadcast in Shanghai, and Madame Alice Hamilton (contralto). A recently formed string orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. F. Mason, will also perform at this concert.

New members for this orchestra will be very welcome, and practice will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Cathedral Hall at 9 o'clock.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Motor Cycle and Side Car For Sale. Can be seen any time on the Island Side. Please Apply Box No. 653, c/o "China Mail."

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of June, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsiu, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Sale.	No. of Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Acres and Roods.	Upper Price.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

GOLF SOOTHES.

"Bad for Nerves, Indeed!"

MATRONS' VIEWS.

Golfers who find the game interferes with their nerves should go to Ranelagh, S.W., where a championship only for women over a certain age is being decided.

The merry, youthful-looking matrons at Ranelagh have forgotten all about nerves.

"Golf bad for the nerves!" Mrs. Palmer, one of the players, repeated the phrase with amazement to a reporter. "Well, I have never heard that before," she smiled, when reminded that a doctor declared that match-play was the worst thing for nervous people.

On the fifth green Mrs. Ames, one of the oldest competitors, an imposing figure in red, was laughing at her own disappointment because she had missed a 12ft. putt!

"Since I took up golf," Mrs. Palmer continued, "I have never had nervous breakdowns. I used to before. The game soothes one's nerves."

Mrs. Palmer, it was true, had just won her match. But a search for a nervous golfer among the matrons was fruitless, and elsewhere few golfers would admit that the game did anything but good.

"NO" TO £10,000

Mickey Walker Not to Come to London.

Mickey Walker, the Irish-American who holds the world's middle-weight championship, has decided not to accept the National Sporting Club's offer to come to London this summer to meet Len Harvey, the British champion, writes Geoffrey Simpson in the London Daily Mail.

The offer which Mr. Lionel Bettinson, the N.S.C. manager, made to Walker during his recent visit to the United States was slightly less than the £10,000 which Walker was paid by Mr. C. B. Cochran for boxing Tommy Milligan at Olympia three years ago.

Walker, after due consideration, has declined it as being inadequate, and I believe it will take something like £15,000, plus travelling expenses, to tempt him to this country again.

Jackie Fields, an American Jewish boxer, whose real name is Finkenstein, and who is the holder of the world's welter-weight championship, demanded £15,000 when approached by the National Sporting Club with a view to meeting Jack Hood for the title in London.

Thus Britain's prospects of establishing a world's champion at either of these weights is as far removed as ever. It is a ridiculous position that champion boxers must be paid a fortune each time they enter the ring, but the cold fact is that these sums are obtainable in the United States for championship fights, and while this is so you cannot blame an American champion if he refuses to box in Britain "under price."

Big Money. The following for boxing in the United States is tremendous and vast arenas abound in almost every State. Olympia, the largest hall in London, seats only 15,000 and to pay one boxer £15,000 for a fight there would be financial suicide.

I am not surprised at Walker's decision because my records show that for his last championship match against Ace Hudkins he collected £20,000.

In view of this development, terms have now been offered to Dave Shade, who, like Walker, is of Irish-American extraction, to meet Harvey. The purse in this case is a reasonable one and Shade has accepted it and is coming to London to box Harvey at Olympia towards the end of June.

Shade is 28 and has been boxing for ten years. Eighteen months ago he gave Walker a very close fight for the championship, and I understand that he is matched for a return fight with the champion in August, so that his match with Harvey should certainly prove illuminating.

REBELS ROUTED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Fleeing Shansi Forces.

Consequent on their defeat on the Lung-Hai line, the Shansi forces have made their retreat in three directions:—the first and second from Lanfeng and Kaifeng by crossing the Yellow River to Feng-yau in north Honan, and the third from Kaucheng to Changwun in south Chihli.

With regard to the present stage of campaign, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has decided to remain on the defensive on the Tsin-Pu line, and to take the offensive on both the Lung-Hai and Ping-Han lines. The 2nd National Army Corps will be responsible for the capture of Lanfeng city, while the 3rd Army Corps for the occupation of Hsueh-chang. As soon as success is achieved as above planned, the two National Army Corps will converge simultaneously in an assault against Chengchow.

Fighting on the Ping-Han Line. Fierce engagement is reported to be proceeding between the National troops and the Kuominchun on the Ping-Han line between Luliho and Linyung. The entire National 9th Division under Chiang Ting-wen was thrown on May 24 into the battle area. It is generally surmised that the Kuominchun are about to evacuate Hsueh-chang, as evidenced by the withdrawal of the main body of their forces from the Ping-Han line to relieve the critical situation at Lanfeng on the Lung-Hai line.

Hankow, Sunday. The National forces under Yang Fu-cheng are advancing from Nanshao, midway between Nanyang and Lushan, towards Lushan, which is being guarded by the Kuominchun and which is now the objective of the National forces, who will launch the attack in two directions:—One by General Yang Fu-cheng from Nanyang, via Nanshao; and the other by General Hsu Yuan-chuan from the Ping-Han line, via Moyang, and Yeh-hsien.

Rebels Disarmed. Following their defeat on the Lung-Hai line, the rebel remnants under Liu Chun-yung have been entirely disarmed, while those under Kwan Fu-an are retreating westwards, with the National forces in pursuit, according to a report from General Koo Tsung-tung of the National Division to Nanking.

Being apprehensive of the invasion of the Mukden troops, a large number of Shansi forces under Fu Tsu-yi have been transferred from Tschow, in Shantung, to Chihli, making Tangshan as the 1st line of defence. Lutai as the second line, and Chunliang-cheng as the third line.—Canton News Agency.

From Other Sources. Shanghai, Yesterday. News of fierce counter-attacks by the Kuominchun-Shansi troops on Lanfeng and the gallant Nationalist defence of the city was contained in the latest dispatches from Hsueh-chang, the Nationalist H.Q. Feng Yu-hsiang is directing the counter attacks.

The Kuominchun Commanders announced their intention to recapture Lanfeng from the Nationalist troops and to take Hsueh-chang within the coming ten days. Fierce fighting at Lanfeng continued from Saturday morning until Sunday evening with heavy casualties on both sides. The renewed vigour of the Kuominchun is consequent on the arrival of Divisions under General Sun Liang-cheng and Kat. Hung-chang, while thousands of Kuominchun troops are arriving at Sinsiang and Kaifeng daily from Shensi and Kansu.

Several Divisions of Shansi troops are concentrating at Chengchow, the last of the Kuominchun strongholds along the Lung-Hai Line.

North Claims Many Prisoners. Peking, Yesterday. The Third Army officially claims that on the 24th inst. they captured 20,000 men of the Nanking forces.

Fighting is apparently proceeding

in North Shantung, in the vicinity of Yucheng, which both sides claim to occupy.

The Northerners claim that Fu Tso-yi has advanced from Yucheng to the bank of the Yellow River.—Reuter.

Hankow, Yesterday. Violent fighting between the National forces and the Kuominchun took place the last few days at the "Big Rock" bridge on the Ping-Han line between Luliho and Linyung. Having succeeded on the 25th to break through the line of defence held by the Kuominchun, the Nationalists besieged Linyung city, aided by the National planes commanded by General Chang Wang-chang. The Infantry of the central column under General Hsu Yuan-chuan were able to enter the city on the morning of May 26, killing over 2,000 Kuominchun, including the Kuominchun commander, Sun Chung-hwa. The Nationalists are advancing in three directions to attack Hsueh-chang, which is expected to fall to-day, according to a wire received yesterday by General Ho Ying-ching from General Hsu Yuan-chuan. The fight wing under General Chiang Ting-wen, who recaptured Singshui, 35 miles from Linyung on the 25th, is marching towards Hsueh-chang, which is being jointly attacked by the left wing under General Yang Fu-chang, who occupied Yeh-hsien, 40 miles from Hsueh-chang, on May 24.—Canton News Agency.

Planes Sent to Shaokuan. Canton, Monday. In order to assist the Cantonese Infantry in the pursuit of the fleeing rebels, Colonel Tang Yueh-ming is to-day under instructions to command seven planes, "The Canton," "The Nankai," "The Panyue," "The Hankow," "The 108," "The 116" and "The 29" to fly to Shaokuan for concentration and for further instructions.

Accompanied by General Chiang Kwong-nei, Chairman Chang Ming-shu left Canton yesterday for Shaokuan by special train. The Chairman will see upon his arrival into the political affairs carried on in Kaokiang (Shaokuan) district and spend the night in the magistracy. This morning, he will assemble the Cantonese forces, lately transferred there, for personal instructions, after which the Chairman will return to Canton, probably to-day.

Canton Divisions Recalled. As the Kwangsi campaign has ended in the flight of the insurgents out of the province, it is now not necessary for the Cantonese divisions to remain there. The 60th and 61st Divisions have since been transferred to Shaokuan, while the entire 63rd Division is expected to arrive here to-day and will be despatched to the East River districts for the suppression of bandits. The 59th and 62 Divisions have also been recalled and are now on their way back to Canton.—Canton News Agency.

Defence of Kweihsien. Canton, Yesterday. Interviewed yesterday morning, General Heung Hon-ping of the 62nd Division who lately returned from Kwangsi, told pressmen that Nanning, the Kwangsi capital, is now guarded by the garrison troops under Lu Fu-cheng, and that the defence of Kweihsien will be taken over by the forces under Lui Woon-yim, after the transfer of his (General Heung's) entire division to Canton. The duty of patrolling the area from Kweihsien to Kongchow is undertaken by the 59th Division under General Yu Hon-mou and it is hoped that the Kwangsi situation will soon be restored to normal conditions.

General Heung continued that his entire forces which are expected to arrive at Canton to-day, will be despatched to the East River districts for the suppression of bandits. His forces will go by sea to Swatow and then march to Wooping, with the object of linking up with those Cantonese forces under Ta Chieh. Chang Chi-yung and Chen Hon, for the clearance of the bandits in the eastern region. The general concluded that he will probably make Chaochow his headquarters, in order to facilitate directions.—Canton News Agency.

MONACO THRONE.

London Butcher's Claim to Succession.

Paris, April 7. Prince Louis, the reigning Prince of Monaco, has been interviewed by the Journal on the claims made to his throne.

He says that before the claim of the Comte de Chabrillan was put forward a London butcher, named Grimaldi, claimed the succession. When the butcher died his son wrote to the Prince informing him that his father had died of disappointment because his claim had not succeeded.

Prince Louis does not see how the claim of the Comte de Chabrillan can occupy the attention of his counsel, M.M. Paul-Poncet and Strauss, for any length of time. The Comte bases his claim on the right ceded to him by the Duke of Urach. "But," said Prince Louis, "the Duke, whom I knew very well, and who was strongly attached to my father, never made any allusion to these rights during his lifetime. The Comte de Chabrillan has spoken of his family relics. I know that he possesses in his chateau a lock of hair of his ancestor, Mme. de Choiseul-Stanville, who was guillotined on the 9th Thermidor, and who was the daughter of Joseph of Grimaldi. But he cannot turn his title to account."

Pointing to the photograph of his daughter, Princess Charlotte, and her two children, Prince Reiner and Princess Antoinette, Prince Louis added: "The line of succession is uninterrupted and the perpetuity of the throne is solidly established. You can see that I do not look like a man who wants to die, but if this eventuality occurs rights of Princess Charlotte and her children are safeguarded."

MEXICAN AMOK.

Hue and Cry Through Streets of Bombay.

Bombay, April 25. Panic prevailed in one of the principal thoroughfares of Bombay on Thursday night, when a Mexican sailor walked into a goldsmith's shop in Churchgate Street, shot a Hindu jeweller in the neck with a pistol, and then fled, followed by a crowd of pedestrians, who chased him and ran him to earth after considerable difficulty.

It appears that the sailor, Bassido Garcia, a middle-aged man of strong build, who is unemployed and had recently arrived at Bombay from Karachi, entered the shop and demanded that ornaments should be shown to him.

Anant Ganesh, the jeweller, accordingly pulled out some exhibits from the cases. The sailor, it appears, put his hand into his pocket, pretending to take some money out, but, instead, produced a box of cartridges.

The jeweller was amazed at the sight of the cartridges, but, with great presence of mind, caught hold of the box, whereupon the Mexican whipped out a pistol with the other hand and shot the jeweller in the neck. The latter fell prostrate on the floor, bleeding profusely.

The assailant then rushed out. A crowd chased the sailor, who fired a shot at a policeman, but missed him. Finally he was arrested and is now in police custody.

The jeweller, who is in hospital, made a dying declaration to a magistrate, but it was reported subsequently that he is progressing.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD. OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Yoc, from Seattle, Wen.
Knee High, from San Francisco.
Svenylad, from Kamakura Maru.
Svenylad, from Moji.

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, May 21, 1930.

ZEEBRUGGE ANNIVERSARY.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON FERRY STEAMER.

The memory of those who fell in the epic storming of Zeebrugge Mole on April 23, 1918, was honoured at a service held on board the Wallasey ferry steamer Royal Iris, which was berthed at the Prince's Stage, Liverpool. The Royal Iris, together with her sister ship Royal Daffodil, took a very prominent part in the historic raid, and it was, therefore, most fitting that the service should be held on her decks, where tablets pay tribute to the fallen.

The service was organised by the Liverpool branch of the Royal Marine Old Comrades Association, whose hon. chaplain, the Rev. Lord Thurlow, M.A., and Superintendent Chaplain of the Mersey Mission to Seamen, conducted the service. Very complete arrangements for the service were made by Lieut. Commander W. H. Fry, R.N.R. (retired), the Wallasey Ferries manager, and among those who attended were the Mayor of Wallasey (Alderman Storey), and the chairman of the Ferries Committee (Councillor Atkin). Canon C. C. Thickness, M.A., who gave the address, said it was a proud moment for anybody to be standing on the deck of the Royal Iris in commemoration of that great feat of arms.

At the conclusion of the service wreaths were placed at the base of the memorial tablet.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank, wire 1/4 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/4 15/16
Bank, 30 days' sight 1/4 15/16
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/5 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/5 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/6
On Paris—
On demand 875
Credits, 4 months' sight 950
On Berlin—
On demand —
On New York—
On demand 34 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 35 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 94 1/2
On demand 94 1/2
On Calcutta—
Wire 94 1/2
On demand 94 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 60 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 68 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 79
On Yokohama—
On demand 69
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 13.81
Silver (per oz.) 18 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong 1/4 prem.
Copper Cash Nominal.
Copper Cents 3 prem.
Rate of Native Interest 5 p. a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 24 p. dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4 p. dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 23.93
New York 4.85 25/82
Brussels 34.81 1/2
Geneva 25.11 1/2
Amsterdam 12.08
Milan 92.77
Berlin 20.86 1/2
Stockholm 18.10 1/2
Copenhagen 18.16 1/2
Oslo 18.16
Vienna 34.45 1/2
Prague 163

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 28th May, 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Names	Fin. Year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	1475	...	...	Dec.	[Final 4 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 7 1/2 p. 1929] Apr. 2, 30
Mercantile Bk., Aust.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Apr. —, 30
Bank of Asia	119	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] May 16, 30
Union Ins.	492	405/00	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
China Underwriters	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
China Fire Ins.	400	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	935	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.					
Douglases	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] June 19, 30
Shell Transports	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 10, 30
Mining.					
Beugnots	7 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 15 cents for 1929] Apr. —, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. S.	...	...	...	June	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.) Tia.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
S'hai Exploration Tia.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Loans	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Rauba	93	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Tromb Mines	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 31, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & K. Wharves	178 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 13, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
China Godowns	6	6.05	6.05	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Hongkong	265	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 31, 30
N. Engineering Tia.	8	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks Tia.	...	...	...	Apr.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cottons Tia.	18 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton Tia.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Zoong Sings Tia.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hotels	13	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Lands	50	50/50	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands Tia.	285	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 13, 30
Humphreys	16 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] May 7, 30
H. K. Realities	10.90	10 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 10 cents for 1929] Mar. 24, 30
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] June 5, 29
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	20.40	...	...	Dec.	[Final 30 cents for 1929] Mar. 13, 30
Peak Tram (old)	12 1/2	...	...	Apr.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] June 7, 29
Star Ferries	84	85	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 14, 30
China Light (old)	20.10	20 1/2	...	Sept.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] May 12, 30
H. K. Electric	80 1/2	79 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 13, 30
Macao	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Sandakan Lights	9 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 15, 30
H. K. Telephones	18.55	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 21, 29
China Buses	10 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Feb. 8, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	10 1/2	10 1/2	...	Sept.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Industrials.					
China Sugars	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Apr. 11, 29
Malayan Sugars	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Apr. 30, 30
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tia.	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 19, 30
Cements (comb.)	16.50	17.10	17 1/2	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
H. K. Ropes	8.00	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
United Asbestos	5	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farms	26 1/2	27	27	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 14, 30
Watsons	12 1/2	12.40	...	Oct.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Lane Crawford	...	8.70	...	Feb.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] May 15, 30
Mackintosh	...	...	...	Feb.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] June 10, 29
Sincere	12 1/2	...	...	Feb.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Wm. Powells	...	2.65	...	Feb.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Amusement	20 1/2	...	...	Mar.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] July 5, 29
H. K. Constructions	1.90	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
B. Ind. C. Bonds	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] Pending
Other Stocks.					
Helsingfors	193 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 1/5 25/32
Madrid	69.92 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 1/8 3/4
Lisbon	108.25	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 1/4 1/2
Athens	875	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 2/0 18/16
Bucharest	818	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 18 1/4
Rio	6 27/82	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] 18 3/16
Buenos Aires	42 15/16	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2 1/2 p. 1929] — British Wireless Service.

THE VENICE OF THE EAST.

Here at the head of the Gulf of Siam, fifty miles up a narrow river alive with an exotic activity like to nothing else on earth, is the city which epitomizes the life of the Orient in greater degree than even Singapore or Shanghai—Bangkok, "Venice of the East."

Of certain cities it is sometimes said that they are more than cities, they are experiences. And so it is of Bangkok. This strange Siamese capital is truly an experience, and a memorable one. Moreover, it is a living refutation of the assertion that novelty has fled the world before the advance of modernity and Western commercialism. Modernity has had no effect upon Bangkok, unless to provide for a few good hotels, metalled roads and an astonishingly efficient railway system.

But the life and activities of a million Asiatics go on as they did a century ago and more. The atmosphere of the stupendous East, in all its colour and all its magic and all its mystery, still maintains here, little altered since the days of the East India Company and the tea clipper. In all the Orient, Bangkok is the most Oriental. In all the world east of Suez or west, it is unique. It is the East as the East used to be, picturesque, alluring, unbelievable.

Generalities in these days carry little conviction. And yet, ere proceeding to a more intimate view of Siam and its amazing capital, a few generalities are essential by way of preparation. For Siam itself is the land unique, the climax of the fascination of the East; and its teeming capital of nearly a million of the assorted peoples of the Orient, with a handful of Europeans all but lost among them, is such a place as dreams form themselves about and to which the farthest flights of fancy scarce dare venture. And the strange waterborne life which justifies its characterization as "The Venice of the East," unlike anything else in the world, lends to Bangkok such a distinction among Eastern cities as Venice itself holds in the Occident.

In the early morning hours, ere yet the crimson streaks have faded from the eastern sky, the steamer which has anchored overnight at the mouth of the river—this Menam River which has its source in distant Tibet—is underway and moving slowly upstream amidst a constantly increasing flotilla of steamers, launches, junks and sampans of every type and maritime era. Already the tall prachedis, or Buddhist relic shrines, begin to dot the countryside, and the shores are lined with the wats, or temples, of the riverside villages.

At frequent intervals irrigation canals lead from the river to the vast sweeps of rice field, and about their entrances cluster the villages of the rice farmers, each house on stilts above the water, tiny bridges connecting them, many with fronts open to the river and the domestic life of the inhabitants exposed to the view of river travellers. The people themselves, especially the younger ones, appear to have developed amphibian characteristics as rapidly as a South Sea Islander. They splash about from house to house, propel tiny craft somewhat resembling an Eskimo kayak, fearlessly into the steamer's wake and live, scantily clad, a joyous land-and-water existence.

Presently, when the ship has proceeded as far as appears at all practicable into a traffic thicker than the Huang-pu's at Shanghai, she anchors, and an official or two makes the usual appearance. But the Siamese, world-famed for their politeness, place no obstacles whatever in the way of visitors. In the case of Americans they have even foregone the visa requirement entirely, and in a moment the stranger is at liberty to proceed ashore.

Possibly, if he is the sole passenger, as frequently happens with me in unfamiliar ports, he will wonder just where he is going when he gets ashore. If he is a true wanderer he will, of course, have made no "reservations," or had any concern with such conventionalities, knowing that one of life's little piquancies is arising in the morning with no definite knowledge of where next he will sleep. However, on this occasion, it appears that the pilot, having just gone ashore, has passed the word that there is a European passenger on this coastwise vessel. And so, behold, ere long a person wearing a cap designated "Royal Hotel" appears.

Now I have come to regard with some uncertainty hotels so-called. Deplorably enough, they do not always justify the name, being "royal" in no sense whatever. But we are some distance below the city, and through its teeming streets there is no reason to believe that one unfamiliar with the language will be able to make any satisfactory way to any satisfactory destination.

And so I go with the polyglot person from the Hotel Royal. We

proceed ashore in a sampan whose operator makes profound obeisance upon receiving his trifling fee, nor cavils at all at the amount. Here, at the outset, is a unique experience, as all who know their East will agree. Then there makes its appearance a diminutive British motorcar, of the type felicitously known as "vest-pocket size," being one more of the world-girdling products of Birmingham. But, being outnumbered only by a "suit case" and portable typewriter—the wanderer's unvarying luggage—there is room enough. And then for several miles through streets resembling those of the Chinese part of Rangoon, we scurry in quest of the majestically named hotel.

Presently the canals, or klongs, many scarce a dozen yards across, and no more than a foot deep, yet each carrying some sort of waterborne traffic, cross our way under little bridges at frequent intervals. Along the broader ones on either side the activities of the streets of an eastern city go on with all the restlessness and clamour of the Orient. Shops, cafes, homes, occasionally a small saw-mill, pottery works, or some other industry, line the banks. The turbid stream itself teems and seethes with life. Heavy-laden junks, floating markets, an occasional launch and hundreds of tiny craft, some scarce able to support the weight of a child, weave in and out, spinning a veritable web of such a picturesque life as only this "Venice of the East" knows or ever has known. "But it is in the morning that you should see it," declares my guide, "when the Buddhist monks go about in their little sampans seeking their day's contributions of food; and when the water markets are busiest."

And then the hotel is at hand, and I see that this particular "Royal," at least, does not belie its name. In the "European" part of Bangkok, hard by the British and American Legations, it is startlingly impressive and quite in keeping with the environment. And no wonder, for was it not once a vast palace, constructed by a wealthy Chinese who sought to impress his neighbours, and did so—winding up with the loss of his entire fortune, so far did this huge pile of masonry and teak and sculpture get beyond his expectations! And so now it is a hotel, and its proprietor is a Parisian culinary "artist" who came to Siam some time ago to be chef to a former king.

Learning all that, I regarded with some zeal the prospects, nor was I at all disappointed. Such manifestations of modernity as this are not unacceptable, even to the hardened wanderer, particularly in the East. But they are about the only ones, aside from such amenities of a western city as telephones, electric lights and tramways, to conflict with the ages-old atmosphere of Bangkok. Yet above and beyond all this is the charm of the most unusual, and in some ways the most attractive, of all the Far Eastern peoples; these polite and ever-smiling Siamese. That, and such interesting contrasts with them as is possible all over Siam, is ample subject matter for another paper.—M.T.G. in Christian Science Monitor.

MOSQUITO PEST.

How It Can Be Kept Down.

HINTS TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

"Surprising as it may seem, there are more than a thousand species of mosquito in existence, although many of these are quite harmless," said Mr. F. Higgs, Chief Health Inspector of the Perth City Council, when discussing the mosquito pest and how to deal with it. "It has been definitely proved that mosquitoes are the agents in the spreading of yellow fever, malaria, dengue fever, and elephantiasis, but apart from this, the irritating tactics of the pest call for our best endeavours to restrict it if not actually to eradicate it."

"During its life a mosquito passes through four stages—the egg, larva, pupa, and imago or adult insect. The egg is laid on the surface of water, with the exception of one species, the female of which deposits her eggs on dry ground. The eggs of the Culex species are formed together in the shape of a raft, which is quite visible to the naked eye, and when hatched out the larvae feed on small particles of animal and vegetable matter floating on the surface of the water. Generally known as wrigglers, larvae may be seen in pools, tanks, and water barrels. Wrigglers come to the surface to breathe, and, according to the species, some breathe from the tail and others from the head. The pupa is the third stage, and this has been termed the comma stage, due to comma-like appearance owing to the large head and curved tail. At this stage the pupa does not feed, but strangely enough, those previously breathing from the tail now breathe from the head. After four or five days the pupa comes to the surface and the skin on the back splits, the mosquito emerges, and stands up in his own skin canoe, dries his wings, and flies to a near-by resting place.

"There is a migratory species of mosquito known as the Anopheles, which is capable of travelling a distance of fifty miles, while, to feed on human blood, they frequently travel a mile or so from their haunts. As to the malaria-carrying Anopheles, I prefer to leave that question to the entomologist, for if that particular breed of mosquito is here, one naturally wonders why there are no local cases of malaria.

Water Receptacles. "The work of a health inspector is not spectacular in any branch of the department's activities, and perhaps the least noticeable is the work of mosquito reduction. Patrols are constantly draining, spraying, burning off, filling shallows, and stocking pools with fish in an endeavour to keep the pest in check, but the swamp areas are so vast that unless we have the co-operation of the public much of our work would be rendered useless. Attention must be paid to all water receptacles from the sprinkler tanks on high buildings to cellar area sumps, rainwater tanks, barrels, w.c. cisterns, septic tanks, storm roof gutters, and in the very rainy season, all discarded tins, jars, or bottles. Particular

care must be taken to see that tanks must not only be clean and covered, but the manhole lid should be securely fastened on. The overflow pipe should be covered with muslin or mosquito netting or a cocoa tin with small perforations in the bottom would make an admirable stop-gap in the overflow pipe. Failing any of these precautions and as a last resource, it is necessary to spray your tank every five or six days in summer. This, however, becomes irksome to the average householder, and is consequently neglected.

Gold and Silver Fish. "Where permanent fresh water lakes or pools abound, it is the owner's business to provide gold and silver fish (Russian carp), and when this is established it will be found that mosquito larvae will seldom, if ever, be found in such waters. The shores of lakes, pools, and swamps should be cleaned up so as to make a definite border, free of vegetation or weed. This method of making a sheet of water not merely ornamental but perhaps useful, has more to recommend it than the carrying out of costly drainage construction. For instance, look at Queen's Gardens in East Perth. Mosquitoes cannot breed there because the pools are stocked with fish and the water's edges are defined and kept clear of overhanging vegetation. It is this overhanging vegetation and algae growth that offer such excellent breeding haunts for the mosquito.

When you are bitten by a mosquito you have every possibility of becoming a yellow fever patient, or a dengue fever or elephantiasis case. The female mosquito lays from 25 to 250 eggs, which she is able to do four or five times in a season, and, according to some authorities, 75 per cent. of these eggs are fertile.

"The example of the difficulties met with in the construction of the Panama Canal owing to the ravages of yellow fever caused by the mosquito should be sufficient to convince us all that every precaution must be taken by every individual and that co-operation is most essential. Where mosquitoes are concerned the watchword must be "War to the knife."

SULTAN'S HAREM.

Former Home of Intrigue Becomes a Museum.

Constantinople, April 6. The former Imperial harem, which for 400 years since the Turks captured Constantinople has been the scene of innumerable intrigues, debauches, murders and assassinations, and with which 20 Sultans preceding Abdul Hamid were associated, was to-day, for the first time, thrown open to the public, and attracted considerable attention.

The harem and the private suite of the Sultans and their odalisques, in the celebrated palace of Topkapli revealed much of artistic interest, notably the deep mauve porcelain lining the walls of the sleeping chambers, numbers of immense beds surmounted by gilded canopies in Venetian style, white marble fountains, large oil paintings, brocaded furniture, and valuable carpets.

PROPOSED PEKING CONFERENCE.

LEADERS OF RIGHT AND LEFT WINGS TO MEET AGAIN.

Peking, May 7. General Kung Keng, Chief Counsellor to General Yen Hsi-shan, left for Tientsin on Tuesday night to confer with Mr. Chen Kung-po and other Party leaders at the port on Kuomintang affairs.

It has been proposed that the leaders of the Right and Left Wings of the Kuomintang should hold a conference at Peking in the near future. Messrs. Chen Kung-po, Tan Chen, Fu Ju-lin, Chang Chi-pen, Mao Chu-chuan, Quo Tai-chi, General Yeh Chi, and General Tao Yeh-kung have sent a joint wire from Tientsin to Talyuan, urging the party leaders at the Shansi capital city to come to Peking for the conference.

Those at Talyuan include Messrs. Chou Lu, Hsieh Chih, Wang Fah-chin, Pai Ti-yun, (rights), Mr. Chao Tai-wen, former director of the Control Yuan, Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi, former Minister of Public Health, General Shang Chen, Chairman of the Shansi Provincial Government, and Mr. Chao Pei-lien, members of the Hopei Provincial Government.

No formal conference has been held at Tientsin. The party leaders there only exchanged opinions regarding the organisation of a new Central Kuomintang office.

Tientsin reports say that the manifesto of the members of the 1st and 2nd Party Congresses held at Canton and Shanghai has been drafted by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the Left Wing. Party leaders are expected to receive the manifesto in a few days, and to circularize it when it is approved by the coming conference at Peking.

It is also reported that Messrs. Chan Kung-po, Quo Tai-chi, and other leaders will leave Tientsin for Peking in a day or two. As soon as they get here they will make preparations for the forthcoming conference.—Kuo Wen.



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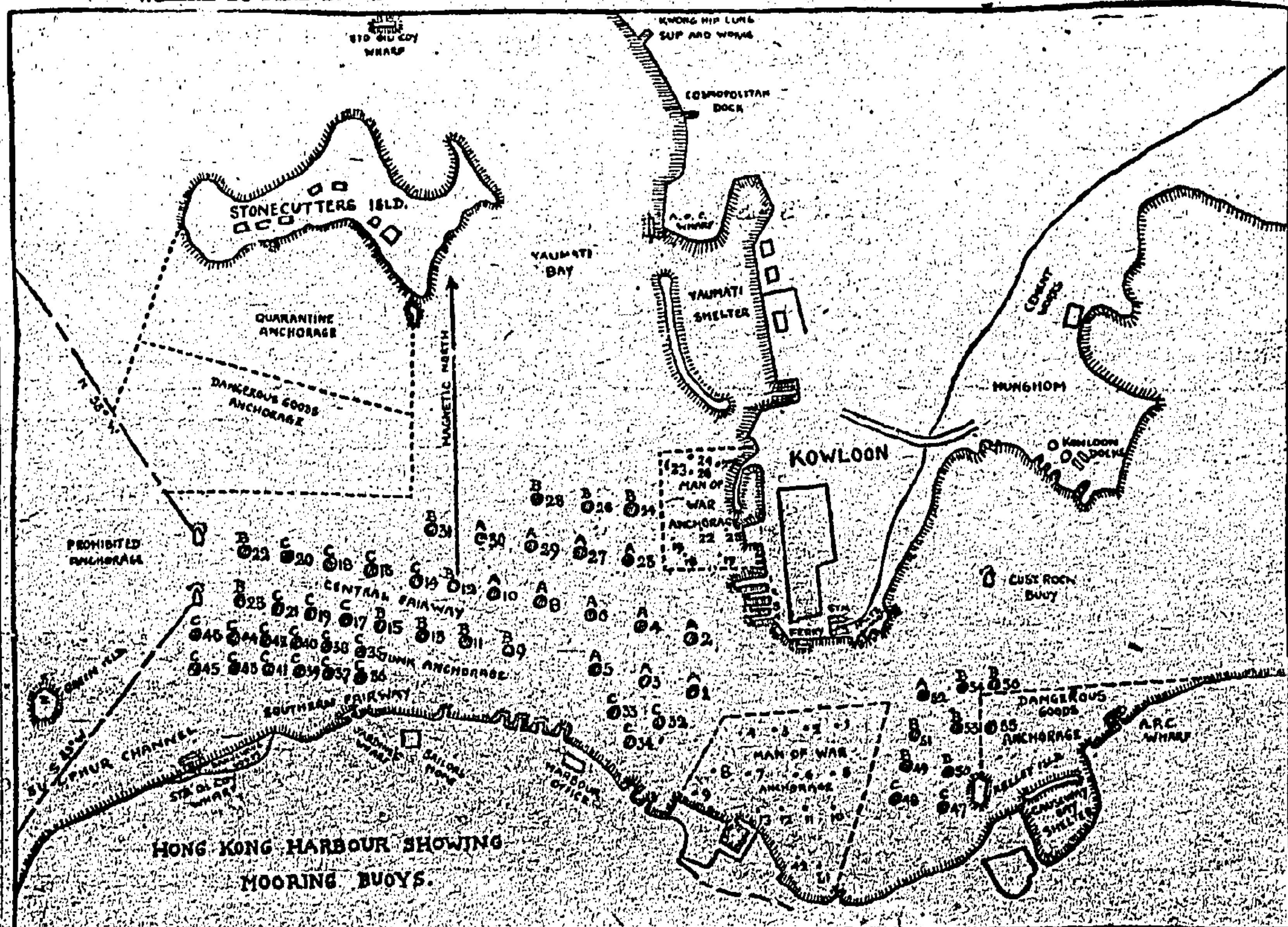
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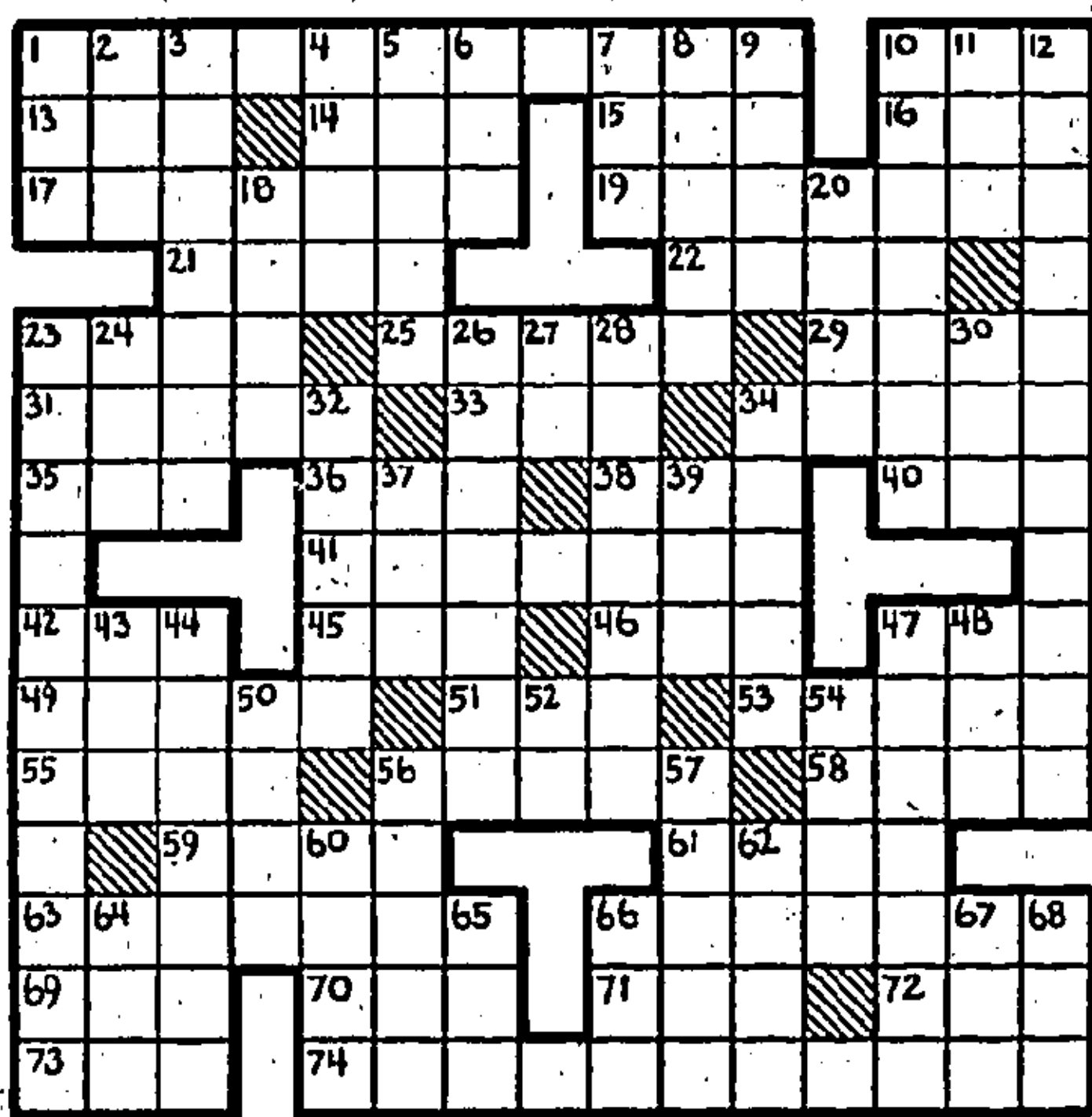
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, piano, and alto.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Having recollection
10-Dandy
13-Sum-Belongs to
14-Poem
15-Meadow
16-Tune
17-Portion of a theatre
19-Fruitful
21-The moon
22-Distribute
23-Continent
25-Examine
27-Be borne along
31-Moments of life
32-Initiate
34-Giver
35-City thoroughfare
(abbr.)
38-Eagle
39-Rope used to raise
or lower a yard
(Naut.)
40-To suit (Local
U. S.)
41-Chinese fabric
42-Pronoun
45-Watering place
46-Rodent
47-Pouch
49-Burn slightly
51-Label
53-Portion of a play

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

55-Repeat
56-A number
58-Permits
59-Point of crescent
moon
61-Wing shaped
63-Stinging plants
66-Those who buy and
sell
69-Three (Italian)
70-Cereal plant
71-Remark (abbr.)
72-Popular name for
Sault Ste. Marie
73-Sorrowful
74-Inclined beforehand

VERTICAL

1-Tear
2-Uncle Tom's friend
3-Small feline
4-A substantive
5-Mental images
6-Harden
7-Fairy
8-Poverty stricken
9-Daniel
10-Weakness
11-Lubricant
12-Choices
15-Court of a prison
20-Tropical plant

VERTICAL (Cont.)

23-Sums levied, as
taxes
24-Rested
25-A salt of tannic acid
27-Above
28-Cleanse
30-Prominent criminal
whose first name is
John
32-Perception
34-Slight depression
37-Knock
39-Affirmative
43-Hasten
44-Made into law
47-Feminine prophet
48-Busy creature
50-Fill to repletion
52-A thoroughfare
(abbr.)
54-Created
55-Weapon
57-Nostrils
60-Spill
62-Device for giving
light
64-Time period
65-Female saint
(abbr.)
66-Prefix—three
67-Fish eggs
69-Turf

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset in
Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for May (Standard time
of the 120th Meridian, East of
Greenwich) are as follows:

	Sunrise	Sunset
May	5.51	7.09
28	5.53	7.07
29	5.59	7.05
30	5.53	7.05
31	5.59	7.06

TRAGEDY AVERTED.

Songsters Not to Leave
Britain.

DISPUTE SETTLED.

Differences between Layton and
Johnstone, the coloured American
variety artists, and a "powerful
group of theatre owners" have now
been amicably settled, and a threat
that the entertainers might have
their permit to work in Britain
rescinded no longer exists.

The trouble, which arose out of
a dispute over the carrying out of
a contract, led to reports that the
two entertainers were about to re-
turn to the United States.

Action Withdrawn.
"We did have a quarrel with a
certain powerful group of theatre
owners," said Johnstone, "but that
is all over."

"There was at one time a dan-
ger that our labour permits to
work in Britain would be rescin-
ded. Simultaneously an action for
alleged breach of contract was
threatened against us because of a
week's engagement at London
theatre when we could not fulfil
the action was withdrawn only.

when I produced the certificate of
an eminent specialist stating that
I was not in a condition to work.
"Don't Mean Maybe."

"The rumours would never have
circulated but for the fact that
this incident coincided with a dis-
pute we had over the inadequate
manner in which we were billed."

Johnstone described the reports
that they are returning to the
United States in a mixture of per-
fect—almost academic—British
and American slang.

"It is preposterous to suggest
such a thing," he said. "I have
never heard of any rumour so far
from the truth. Bunco, Sir, I'll
say it is bunco, and I'm not mean-
ing maybe."

THEATRE IN TURKEY.

The first theatrical review to be
published in Turkey has now ap-
peared in Stamboul. It is issued
by the National Theatrical Com-
pany, which is under the leader-
ship of the Turkish actor, Ertegrul
Mahin Bey. In Stamboul he had
to fight hard against intrigue and
personal enmity before he succeed-
ed in giving a play every

BESSIE LOVE.

Wedding of Screen
Actress.

HER RISE TO FAME.

The Los Angeles Examiner of
December 28 reported:

Juanita Horton—vivacious, quite
blonde and not so very big became
a bride last night at a wedding
that would lift a haughty queen's
chin with pride.

It was in one of the city's most
beautiful churches—and as little
Juanita Horton walked nervously
down the seemingly endless aisle
to hear the solemn words, she saw
on each side of her just about
everybody who amounts to any-
thing in the profession that has
brought her fame.

For Juanita Horton was none
other than Bessie Love—the pro-
fessional name that David Wark
Griffith, director, fagged onto her
several years ago when he first
gave her a part.

Bessie Love became the bride of
William Ballinger Hawks, young
Pasadena business man, at St.
James' Episcopal Church, 3903
Wilshire boulevard.

They had met two years ago.
The two brothers of William
Hawks, Kenneth and Howard, were
hosts at a reception. Bessie Love
was there as a guest. So was Wil-
liam, who had just returned home
on a brief vacation shortly before
his graduation. Yesterday they
were married.

For two hours before the cere-
mony, which had been scheduled
for 8.30 p.m., Wilshire boulevard
was a bedlam of congested traffic.
Hundreds of persons crowded
about the church doors and over-
flowed into the busy boulevard.

For an hour before the wedding
a steady stream of limousines
crawled up and discharged notable
occupants.

Bessie Love wore a wedding
gown of ivory satin, draped closely
and lavishly trimmed in duchess
lace with a bridal veil of four or
five tiers of applique lace.

Father and Mother.

She carried an old-fashioned
bridal bouquet—lilies of the valley
and orange blossoms with a long
trailing fall of the same flowers.

With her were her mother and
father, Mr. and Mrs. John Cross
Horton. Her matron of honour
was Blanche Sweet, in a gown of
rose taffeta and holding a bouquet
of yellow roses.

Her bridesmaids were: Bebe
Daniels, Carmel Myers, Edith and
Irene Mayer, Mary Astor, Norma
and Athole Shearer. Each wore a
flowing gown of golden yellow
taffeta and a maline hat to match,
and each carried bouquets of pink
roses.

And, of course, the closest
friends of the bridegroom were
there—his brothers, Howard and
Kenneth, Irving Thalberg, William
Davey, Fred Stradling and Robert
Shaudeman, as attendants and
ushers.

Reception Held.

Next came the ceremony, con-
ducted by the Rev. Ray O. Miller.
Following, a reception was held at
the Ambassador Hotel.

Many of those who hovered
around the church doors, unable to
gain entrance, had been brought
there by memories of this little
actress who not so long ago was
chosen from "the mob" to play a
small part in "Intolerance" when
she was only 15 years old—who
rose to the zenith of stardom in a
few short years—who then more or
less passed back into obscurity on
the screen—but who now, eastern
critics are proclaiming, has staged
one of the most phenomenal "come-
backs" of the screen.

To-day, Bessie Love and her hus-
band are "somewhere in America"
on a honeymoon.

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

TALKING PICTURE
DEVELOPMENT.PARIS AS EUROPEAN
CENTRE.

AMERICAN PLAN.

Paris, April 28.
A big development in the talk-
ing picture industry is foreshadow-
ed by Mr. Jesse L. Lasky, the head
of the Paramount organisation.
Apparently, the idea is to make
Paris a European centre to pro-
duce talking pictures in six
languages, and to give each coun-
try its own material made by its
own artists in tune with its natural
thought and life.

The reason why Paris has been
chosen for the scheme is because
of its geographical situation. The
Joinville-Paris studio has been
equipped to turn out sixty complete
productions a year. Mr. Lasky
sees in Paris what he calls the
"symbol of internationalism,"
since it possesses the necessary
equipment and artistic and techni-
cal ability.

The search for French "stars"
has not been in vain. It is an-
nounced that contracts have been
signed with quite a number of them.

The American film has already
a very large horizon. It is now
going to make a world appeal by
incorporating Europe. The pros-
pect held out is that pictures pro-
duced under American auspices
will be given an "international
mind." The inevitable question is
asked whether this means that
purely European picture-producing
firms are to face increased American
competition.

ETHICS FOR FILMS.

Brutality "With Good
Taste."

Mr. Will M. Hays, the "Dictator
of the Film Industry," has pre-
pared for the approval of the Asso-
ciation of Motion Picture Produc-
ers, a "Code of Ethics" for talk-
ing pictures.

The code, which is intended to
forestall agitation in Congress for
the establishment of a Federal
censorship of the screen, pledges
all the members of the organiza-
tion to refrain from producing
pictures which ridicule the law or
tend to lower the moral standards
of life.

It specifically outlaws the pre-
sentation of crimes in such a way
as to excite sympathy for the
criminal or to inspire the desire for
imitation, and creates, among
others, the following rules:

The sanctity of the institution
of marriage and of the home
shall be upheld.

Adultery, sometimes necessary
for plot materials, shall not be
justified or treated attractively.

Scenes of passion shall not be
treated in a manner calculated
to stimulate the lower or baser
elements.

Obscenity in word, gesture, re-
ference, song, or by suggestion
is forbidden.

Complete nudity must never be
permitted.

No film may throw ridicule on
any religious faith.

Ministers of religion shall not
be used as comic characters or
villains.

The code demands that the fol-
lowing subjects shall be treated
with "good taste":

Actual hangings or electrocutions;
third degree methods;
brutality and possible gruesome-
ness; the branding of people or
animals; and a woman selling
her virtue.

VALENTINO'S ESTATE

Bills Totalling \$110,000
Presented.

Mr. S. George Ullman, executor
of the \$160,000 estate of Rudolph
Valentino, the famous screen lover,
has presented to the Superior
Court for approval a statement of
accounts, in which bills totalling
about \$110,000 are set down.

These include \$4,300 advanced to
Miss Maria Strada Gullielmi, the
sister of the film star, \$7,400 to
Mr. Albert Gullielmi, his brother.

Mr. Valentino's attorney has
been paid \$3,000, and \$380 has
been disbursed as "tips" to the
police for their services at the
actor's funeral.

During the season.
As the number of playgoers
is still rather limited, he
has to find a new play each
week, and he is always on the look
out for new writers and transla-
tors. Many adaptations are his
own work.

This literary innovation coin-
cides with the inauguration of a
theatre at Stamboul.

PASSION PLAY.

Ten Thousands at
Oberammergau.

INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

Munich, May 8.

Ten thousands from all parts of
the world with the Anglo-American
element well represented are ar-
riving in Upper Bavaria to attend
the world-famous Oberammergau
passion plays which opened on
Thursday before a selected au-
dience, including the Papal
Nuncio, high clergy, Federal and
State Government representatives.

Five thousand spectators pack-
ed the newly erected festival hall
which, however, only accommo-
dates the audience, while in ac-
cordance to tradition the players
are performing on an open air
stage, where on Thursday even a
steady downpour did not dampen
their religious fervour.

The passion plays are lasting for
five months with two performances
per week, and have been staged
every decade since medieval times
and since the beginning of this
century attracting huge interna-
tional crowds who quarter within
the radius of hundred miles from
Oberammergau. This year many
arrive by car over specially con-
structed highways.—T.O.A.

"CAPTAIN OF GUARD"

New Film of French
Revolution.

The capture of the Bastille
exerts an invincible fascination
over American film producers.
This episode in the French Revolu-
tion is depicted once more in
"Captain of the Guard," presented
at the Capitol on April 25.

Staged on the grand scale, it
must be confessed that the savage
exultation of the mob of torch-
bearing revolutionaries sweeping
towards their objective to the
thrilling strains of "La Marseil-
laise" inspires a certain measure
of awe. This, however, does not
allay the feeling of irritation pro-
voked by this travesty of history.

Nor does a preliminary sub-title,
which declares that the object of
the screen playwright is to enter-
tain and not to educate, justify the
producers in representing Louis
XVI. as a flippant imbecile, and
Marie Antoinette as a heartless
wretch. It is not surprising to
learn that "Captain of the Guard"
is not to be shown in France.

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